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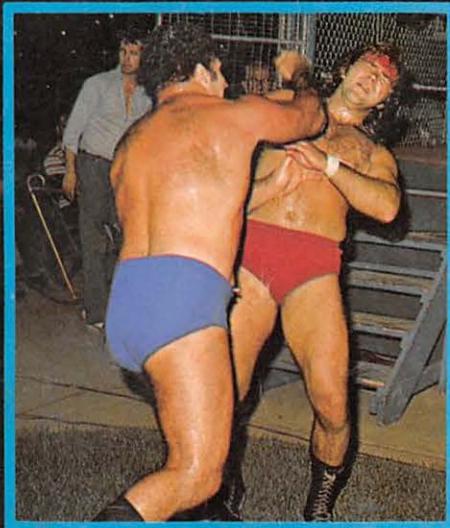
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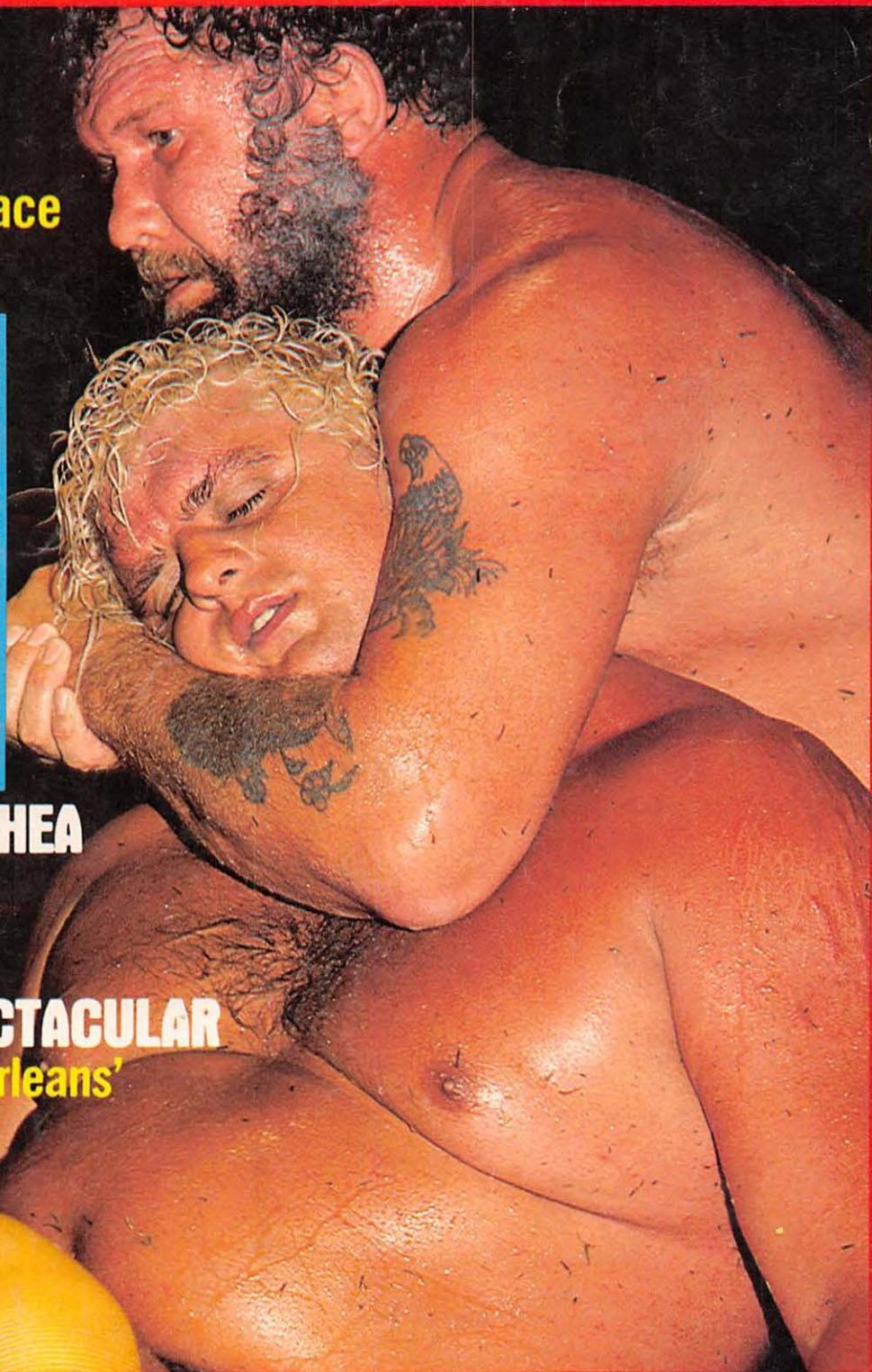


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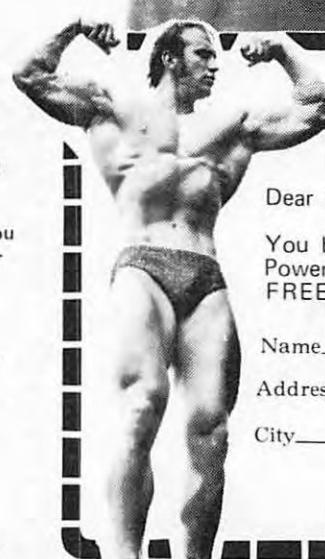
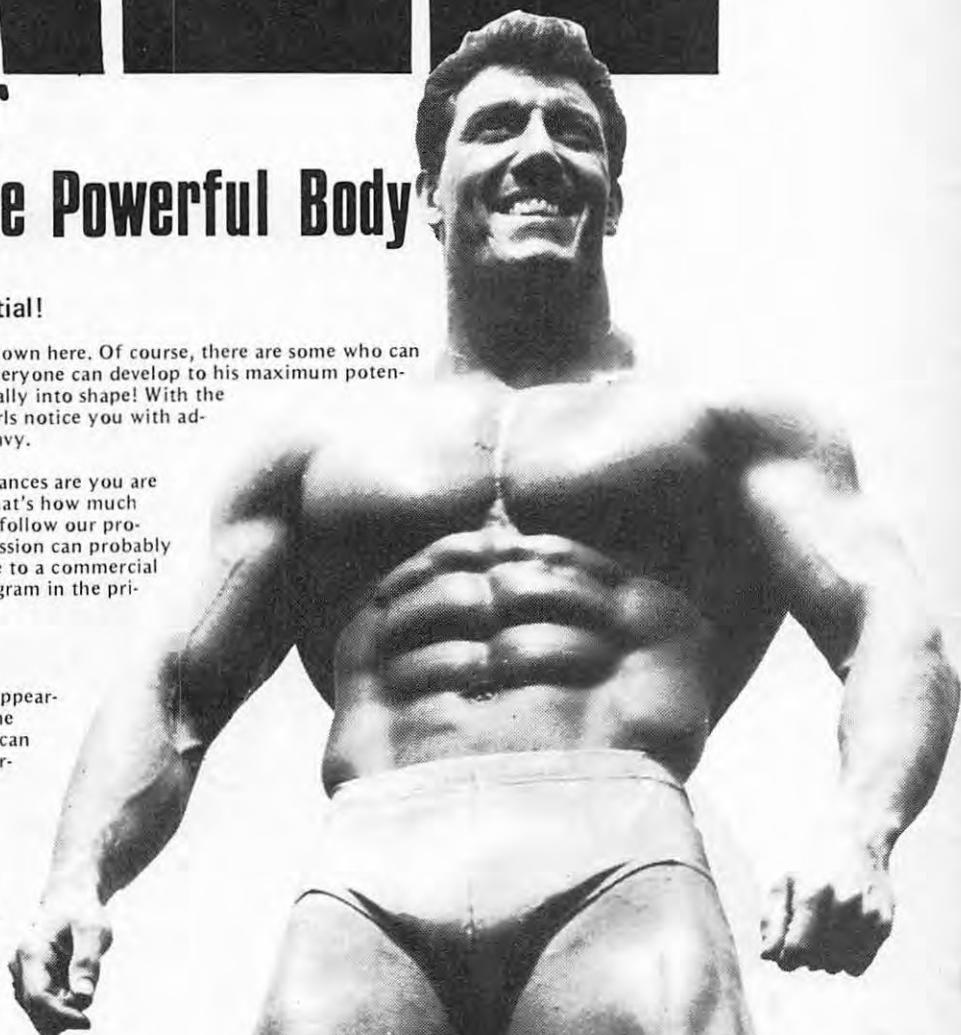
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2—LARRY ZBYSZKO
3—KEN PATERA
4—PAT PATTERSON
5—IVAN PUTSKI
6—PEDRO MORALES
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8—THE HANGMAN
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2—CRUSHER BLACKWELL
3—CRUSHER
4—MAD DOG VACHON
5—DINO BRAVO
6—JESSE VENTURA
7—TITO SANTANA
8—GREG GAGNE
9—ADRIAN ADONIS
10—SUPER DESTROYER II

MOST POPULAR

- 1—ANDRE THE GIANT
2—BRUNO SAMMARTINO
3—DUSTY RHODES
4—RIC FLAIR
5—BOB BACKLUND
6—MR. WRESTLING II
7—IVAN PUTSKI
8—MIL MASCARAS
9—RICK STEAMBOAT
10—TED DIBIASE



BOB BACKLUND



HARLEY RACE



VERNE GAGNE



IVAN PUTSKI

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- Champion—HARLEY RACE
1—GREG VALENTINE
2—DUSTY RHODES
3—BARON VON RASCHKE
4—TED DIBIASE
5—HUSSEIN ARAB
6—KEN PATERA
7—DICK SLATER
8—MR. WRESTLING II
9—KEVIN VON ERICH
10—EL HALCON

TAG TEAMS

- 1—PEDRO MORALES & BOB BACKLUND
2—RAY STEVENS & JIMMY SNUKA
3—JESSE VENTURA & ADRIAN ADONIS
4—THE ASSASSINS
5—Ivan Koloff & Nikolai Volkoff
6—TERRY GORDY & BUDDY ROBERTS
7—JACK & JERRY BRISCO
8—THE SAMOANS
9—DAVID & KEVIN VON ERICH
10—VERNE GAGNE & MAD DOG VACHON

MOST HATED

- 1—LARRY ZBYSZKO
2—BARON VON RASCHKE
3—KEN PATERA
4—HULK HOGAN
5—MARK LEWIN
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Ken Mantell was counted out of the ring in his match with Paul Orndorff when he accidentally rammed his own head into the ringpost.

HOUMA, LA—*Correspondent:* Darryl Richardelle—This was a brutal match between Paul Orndorff and Ken Mantell. It was virtually even until Mantell threw the rulebook away. Mantell started beating on Orndorff outside the ring. As Mantell went to headbutt Orndorff, Paul cleverly moved away, causing Mantell to ram his own skull into the ring post, giving Orndorff the victory.

In other matches, Col. Buck Robley, Ray Candy, and Terry Orndorff won by disqualification over Terry Gordy, Buddy Roberts, and Killer Kahn . . . Tommy Wright outsmarted Mike Miller.

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Hussein Arab, in pre-bout consultation with manager Gene Anderson, teamed with Greg Valentine to wrestle Ric Flair and Jim Brunzell. Flair and Brunzell were winners by disqualification.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK—Correspondent: Ray Sams—Tommy Gilbert challenged Les Thornton for the NWA Junior Heavyweight title. At first, this bout was a hard-fought, but clean contest. Thornton took a couple of shots at Gilbert, but was driven to the mat courtesy of a Gilbert kneelift. Then the bout turned into an all-out brawl in which Gilbert was knocked cold with a pair of brass knuckles. Thornton retained his title by a count-out.

In other bouts, Brian Blair and Koko Ware defeated Skandor Ackbar and The Spoiler . . . King Parsons drew with Ron McFarlane . . . Ron Sexton and Hector Guerrero drew in a good scientific bout . . . Don Bass overwhelmed Matt Derrick.

BURLINGTON, NC—Correspondent: Bernie Boscia—Newly crowned Mid-Atlantic champion Hussein Arab teamed with ruthless Greg Valentine to take on Ric Flair and Jim Brunzell.

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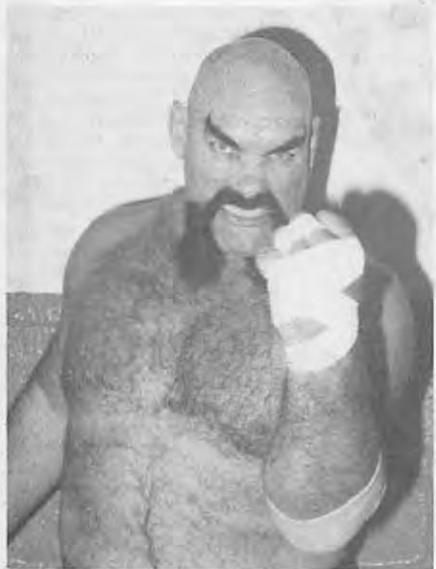
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Ox Baker claims that he is by far the greatest wrestler alive and no opponent has ever been tough for him.

Q: "Would you please ask the great Ox Baker who is the toughest man he's ever wrestled?"—Matt Santos, Wilmington, DE

A: "Well, Matt, I see you got my title down right. Great I am and bad are the others," replied Baker. "That's why answering your question depresses me, kid. I don't like thinkin' about the losers I

gotta wrestle. I really wish I could find someone who was half as good as me, half as strong, half as good-lookin', and half as quick. So to answer your question, ain't never been anyone tough for me 'cause the Ox barrels through and destroys everything and everyone in his path. Does that answer your question, kid? Oh, right, I'm sure you wanna grow up and be just like me. Well, you won't. They broke the mold when they made Ox Baker and that's a fact of life you gotta get used to. Life's full of disappointments, kid, so get used to 'em right here and now."

Q: "What type of exercises and how many of each does Ivan Putski do to stay in such great shape?"—Greg Kraft, Baltimore, MD

A: "Greg, I have an entire schedule of grueling and demanding exercises I put my-

self through in order to maintain my physique," answered Putski. "First off, I work out about two hours each day on the weights, always pushing myself to new limits. Then I do about 500 pushups a day and also about 400 situps. I cap off this exercise program by running about 12 miles a day. I tell you, after all these exercises, I feel great. Exhausted, but great."

Q: "If the tag team of Bob Backlund and Pedro Morales were to beat the Samoans for the WWF tag team championship, would Backlund want to hold both titles and would he be legally able to hold both titles?"—Bob Stoner, Greensburg, PA



Bob Backlund and Pedro Morales congratulate each other on taking the WWF tag team title from the Samoans.

A: Since your writing, Bob Backlund and Pedro Morales did, in fact, take the WWF tag team title from the Samoans. A WWF committee has been assigned to interpret the Federation bylaws to determine the legality of Backlund holding two titles. "I just hope the WWF allows Pedro and myself to hold (Continued on page 50)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING!

By BILL APTER

THE NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE is taking a very close look at the films of the recent title bout between NWA champion Harley Race and challenger, Ken Patera, the Missouri champion. Patera contends in a formal letter of protest, "I would have won the championship if it wasn't for referee Lou Thesz."

Patera charges that Thesz never liked him, and during the third fall (both Race and Patera had won one fall each), Thesz started an argument with him. The argument, Patera charges, distracted him from Race, thus allowing the champion to sneak up behind him and take the victory. If the films prove Patera correct, he will get an immediate rematch.

Films of the Andre the Giant-Hulk Hogan confrontation at Shea Stadium are also being studied (see page 33 for a rundown on the match). Hogan swears that he had Andre pinned for almost 10 seconds while the referee was unconscious. A second referee ran in and was about to count Andre's shoulders to the mat, but Andre threw Hogan off immediately. Then Andre went on to slam

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Ken Patera has filed an official protest with the NWA, claiming that referee Lou Thesz, the former NWA champion, was responsible for his loss to Harley Race.

Hair Growth is Possible

Scientists experimenting with substances to aid hair growth report success.

9 out of 10 balding men stop abnormal hair loss in 6 to 8 weeks.



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FOR YOU, LOU

What on earth inspired you guys to give Lou Albano his own column? Albano disgraces the sport with his cheap, low-down tactics and you acknowledge this by giving him his own column.

I've heard of equal rights, but this is different. Your magazine should devote itself to cleaning up wrestling, so I suggest you dump Albano's column.

I'm sure if Captain Lou Albano continues to write this filthy column, you'll lose a lot of readers.

DAVID DODSWORTH
Malvern, PA

Getting Lou Albano to write a column was the best thing that ever happened to your magazine. I think his perspective is keen and his brilliant mind shines through every sentence that great and wonderful genius decides to write.

Since most of your articles are written by people who obviously can't recognize talent and know very little about wrestling, Albano's column is a breath of fresh air in a sport otherwise polluted by such foul-mouths as Bob Backlund and Bruno Sammartino.

Maybe you'll get real wise and put Albano on your staff full-



While reader David Dodsworth believes Lou Albano's column cheapens THE WRESTLER, Vivian Ricardo feels the column is a journalistic breakthrough. Lou's final column appears in this issue.

time. That would blaze a journalistic path that would give your magazine immortality.

VIVIAN RICARDO
Rockford, IL

DON'T LEAVE, TOMMY

Oh, Tommy, I can't tell you how sad I am you're leaving Atlanta just

because you couldn't best that egg-sucking dog Harley Race for the NWA title. I've been your fan for years and years and I don't know how I'm going to be able to watch Georgia wrestling if you're not there.

I don't think you should give up your dream, Tommy. You have more natural ability than any wrestler I've ever seen, and I think it's a matter of time before you come up with a great title and show all those fools like Race what a real wrestler is all about.

CAROLYN EDWARDS
Atlanta, GA

DEPORT KILLER KAHN?

Killer Kahn should be put on the first available boat and shipped back to Asia. He is a terribly mean wrestler who seems to delight in hurting opponents and starts chuckling when his opponents bleed or moan. There's no place in wrestling for a man like this and some action must be taken to protect the wrestlers and wrestling itself.

I would gladly start a petition drive to ban the man once and for all.

DEBRA SHANNON
New Orleans, LA
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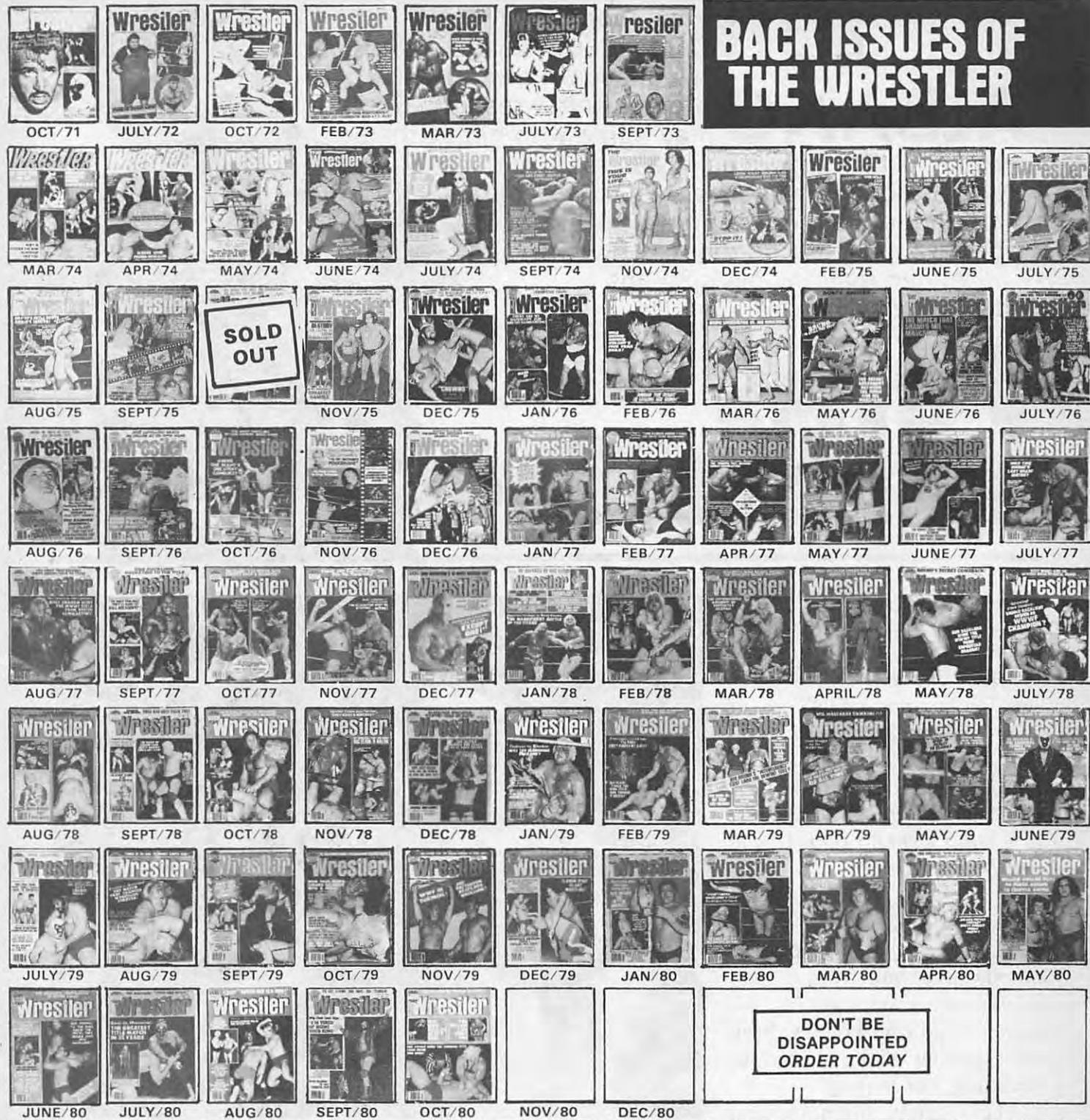
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Each month in THE WRESTLER, Captain Lou Albano will offer his unusual views on professional wrestling. Some may agree with him. Others

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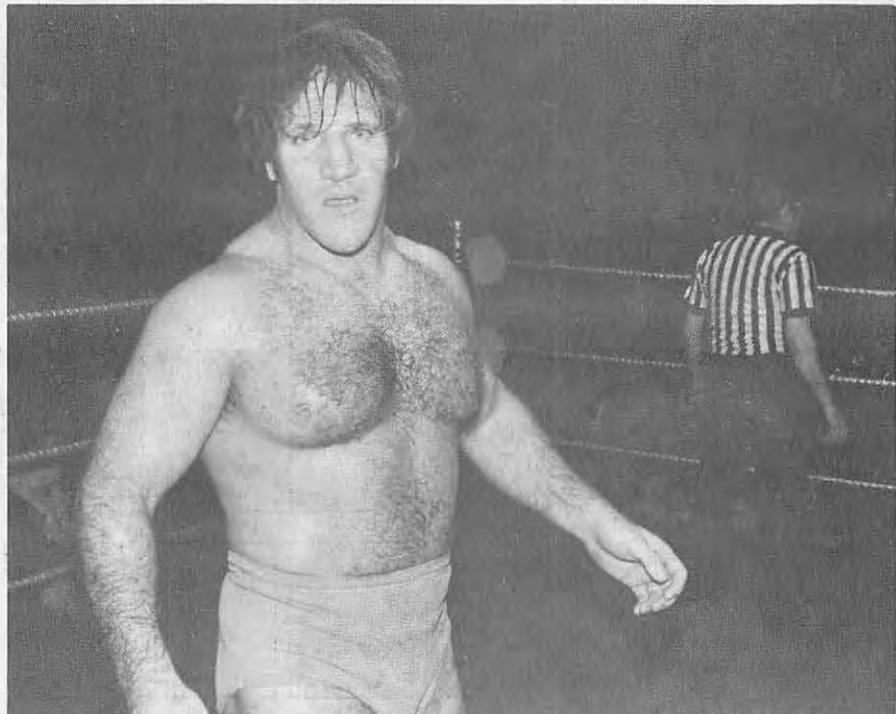
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(Lou Albano's attorney came up to the office and laid out the terms: either we fulfill the contract and permit his client one last column, or he'll sue us into extinction. Rather than risk a lengthy court battle, the editors of THE WRESTLER decided to abide by the contract and grant Captain Lou Albano one final column.)

SO THIS IS IT, out with a bang, not a whimper, to borrow a phrase from a man profoundly influenced by the Captain and who would've been even greater if he turned to wrestling, not writing.

The Captain often thought about writing. It's not so hard, hit the keys and the words come out, much like hitting bums and turkeys like Backlund and Skoaland. But I'm in a good mood. Why shouldn't I be? I have everything in life I want except Bruno Sammartino's hide, and I'll get that someday soon.

But I want to part with my



"Just look at this man, helpless, confused, doesn't know where he is. The man should get himself out of the sport, retire to a farm somewhere, stay away from the wrestling wars. I'd hate to see such a hopeless creature get hurt."

thoughts on some of the so-called important people in wrestling, men I've known and been nauseated by, people who have made me lose my dinner. And some who are great, great men.

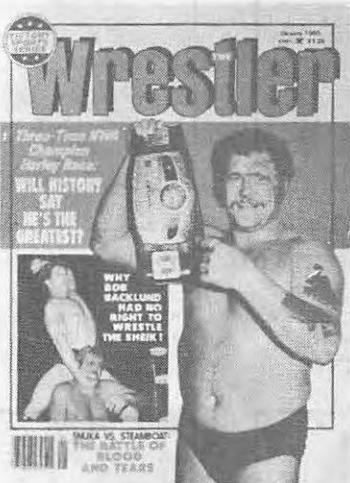
• BRUNO SAMMARTINO:

The man's a bum, a loser, old and stupid, slow and getting senile. I've watched the man for a long time and I'm getting kind of sorry. I almost get tears in my eyes watching this shadow of a mediocre wrestler turn into a

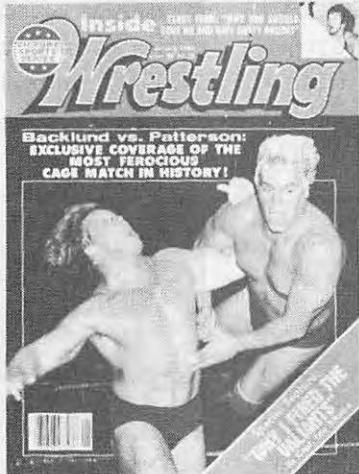
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BOXING & WRESTLING

After five issues, WRESTLING magazine changed its name to BOXING & WRESTLING. Continuing its high standard in wrestling, the addition of boxing stories made it one of the most popular sports magazines of the '50s. Some of the back issues listed in this ad can be obtained now by the general public for the first time in more than 25 years. As you would expect, supplies are very, very limited.

DECEMBER 1951 Boxing—Maxim Beats Sailor Murphy, Gavilan Beats Billy Graham, Jim Corbett, Knockout Artists, Best Prospects, New Champion Randy Turpin, Upsets, Jersey Joe Walcott, Ratings, Marciano Challenges Walcott, Sandy Saddler (Life Story), Tex Rickard, Famous Fights of the Past, Fights of the Month

Wrestling—Verne Gagne, Ratings, TV Announcer Dennis James, Sandor Szabo, Matches of the Month, Pet Peeve, Sammy Berg, Mae Weston \$25

JANUARY 1952 Boxing—Pep vs. Saddler, Gans vs. Kid Lavigne, Robinson vs. Turpin, Mickey Walker, Tricksters, Tony Janiro, Barney Ross's Record, Tex Rickard, Roland LaStarza, Leonard vs. Kilbane, Rocky Marciano, Ratings, Knockouts

Wrestling—Yvon Robert, Wrestling Whirl, Sky Hi Lee, Matches of the Month, Pacific Coast Championship, George Hackenschmidt, Indian Wrestlers, Ruffy Silverstein, Ratings, Londos vs. Shikat \$25

FEBRUARY 1952 Boxing—Fights of the Month, Trouble with Boxing, Young Prospects, Tony Canzoneri, Bob Fitzsimmons, Rocky Graziano, Unusual Incidents, Predictions for 1952, Willie Lewis vs. Sailor Burke, Ratings (Marciano Fighter of Month), Tex Rickard Story

Wrestling—Dirty Duseks, Cora Combs, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month, The Original Terrible Turk, How to Improve Wrestling, Ratings \$25

JUNE 1952 Boxing—Fights of the Month, Gil Turner, Max Schmeling, Jack Johnson, Ratings, Stillman's Gym, Chico Vejar, Flyweights and Bantamweights, Tex Rickard Story, Paddy DeMarco, Max Baer's Record

Wrestling—Lord Carlton, Ratings, Mars Bennett, Human Sides, Tony Lanza, Wrestling Whirl, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, Matches of Month, San Francisco Promoter Joe Malicewicz \$25

JULY 1952 Boxing—Fights of the Month, Joe Baksi, Jess Willard, Manager Al Weill, Abe Attell, Danny Nardico, Fighters Are Human, Tex Rickard Story, Famous Filipinos, Norman Hayes, Ratings

Wrestling—Lord Blears, My Toughest Bouts by Lou Thesz, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month, Texas Hasslin', Ratings, Ivan Kamiroff, It Began With Milo, Good Old Days \$25

AUGUST 1952 Boxing—Highlights, Paddy Young, Sammy Mandell, Trainer Doc Bagler, Jack Dempsey, Keeny Teran and Gil Cadill, Tex Rickard Story, Lew Tender, TV From Miami, From Knockdown to Victory, Ratings

Wrestling—Dirty Dick Raines, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, How Girl Wrestlers Keep Fit, Ratings, Adrian Ballargeon, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month, Mighty Atlas \$25

SEPTEMBER 1952 Boxing—Highlights, Fighting Italians, George Araujo, Pancho Villa, Trainer Charlie Goldman, Willie Troy, Ratings, Boxing Confidential, Gene Tunney, Jackie Fields

Wrestling—Bobby Managoff, Lou Thesz's Record, Ratings, Matches of Month, Tim Geohagen, William Muldoon, Wrestling Whirl \$25

OCTOBER 1952 Boxing—Highlights (Walcott vs. Charles Carter loses to Salas, etc.), Lauro Salas, Stanley Ketchel, Irish Champions, Chuck Davey, Max Schmeling, Ratings,

Joe Miceli, Strange Experiences, Willie Pep tells about his loss to Sandy Saddler, Boxing Medicine Man Dr. Nardiello **Wrestling**—Riki Dozan, Their Hardest Battles, Matches of Month, Ray Gunkel, Tough Turks, Wrestling Whirl, Ratings, Record of Verne Gagne \$25

APRIL 1953 Boxing—Fighting Talk, Fights in Review (Billy Graham vs. Joey Giardello; Tiger Jones vs. Johnny Bratton), Pat McMurtry, Billy Miske, Ezzard Charles, Undefeated Johnny Saxton, Fidel LaBarba, Luis Firpo, Archie Moore Wins Title at Age 36, Jimmy McLarnin, Jack Dillon

Wrestling—Marvin Mercer, Matches of Month, Record of Yukon Eric, Killer Kowalski vs. Yukon Eric, Man Mountain Dean, Ratings, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Promoter Al Mayer, Trading Holds \$30

MAY 1953 Boxing—Fighting Talk, Fights in Review (Danny Nardino upsets Jake LaMotta, Rocky Castellani beats Tiger Jones), Kid Gavilan kayoed Chuck Davey to retain crown, Roland LaStarza tops Rex Layne, The Dundee Brothers, Baltimore's Great Fighters, Saga of John Morrissey, Tommy Loughran, Ratings, Middleweight Muddle, Charlie White

Wrestling—Fred Curry, Elvira Snodgrass, Matches of Month, Great Togo, Ruffy Silverstein, Trading Holds, Record of Buddy Rogers, Ratings, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs \$30

OCTOBER 1953 Boxing—Fighting Talk, Fights of the Month, Dan Bucceroni, Promoter Lew Raymond, Arthur Persley, Light Heavyweight History, Best Heavyweight Bet, Jackie 'Kid' Berg upsets Tony Canzoneri, Floyd Patterson, Charlie 'Phil' Rosenberg, Your Boxing I.Q., Ratings

Wrestling—Leo Nomellini, Johnny Barend, Ratings, Record of Sonny Myers, Violet Vian, Matches of Month, Frank Gotch, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Trading Holds \$30

DECEMBER 1954 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Matches of Month, Cisco Andrade, Ezzard Charles writes about Marciano, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Tony DeMarco, Jimmy Braddock, Maxie Rosenbloom's Life, Paul Andrews, Tony Galento vs. Lou Nova, Benny Leonard, Quiz, Dempsey vs. Fred Fulton, Quiz

Wrestling—Bob Orton, Matches of Month, Cowboy Carlson, Mars Bennett, California Champs, Al Costello, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Fan Clubs \$25

FEBRUARY 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Nino Valdez Says "I'll Beat Marciano," Billy Petrolle's Life, Carmen Basilio Challenges Johnny Saxton, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Lou Stillman, Jim Corbett vs. Joe Choynski, Jack Delany, Jack Johnson Compared to Modern Fighters, Why Black Fighters Are Tops, Quiz, Ratings, Jimmy McLarnin

Wrestling—Billy Varga, Ratings, Violet Vian, Verne Gagne, Speaks Out, Matches of Month, Sonny Myers, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, How To Start A Fan Club \$25

MARCH 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Kid Gavilan, Cisco Andrade, Eugene Criqui, Ratings, Writer Dan Parker, Best Heavyweight Of All, Charley Powell, Young Griff, Kid McCoy vs. Tom Sharkey, Willie Ritchie, Quiz, Pedro Montanez

Wrestling—Gorgeous George, Matches of Month, Jack Witzig, Ike Eakins, Texas Tough Guys, Little Black Dynamite, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs \$25

APRIL 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Archie Moore Blasts Marciano, Robert Cohen, Joe Choynski's Life, Strike By Managers' Guild, 'Boardwalk' Billy Smith, Ad Wolgast vs. Joe Rivers, Fake Fights, St. Nick's Arena, TV Fights of 1954, Paul Berlenbach, Quiz, Ratings \$25

MAY 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Jimmy Carter, Trainer Whitey Bimstein's Secrets, Pancho Villa's Life, Frankie Ryff, Ray Robinson's Comeback, Les Darcy, Charley Norkus, Max Baer Kayoed Max Schmeling, Bob Fitzsimmons, Quiz, Ratings, Barney Ross

Wrestling—Primo Carnera, Roy McClarity, Matches of Month, Southwest Champs, Great Scott, Killer Kowalski Strength Secrets, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Gossip, Full Color Pin Up of Buddy Rogers \$20

JUNE 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Eduardo Lause, Tony Canzoneri's Life, Tiger Jones and Bobby Jones, How Marciano Is Managed, Lou Brouillard's Life, Bob Baker, Matchmaker Teddy Brenner, Ten Deadliest Punches, Tommy Ryan vs. Sandow, Ruby Goldstein, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Yukon Eric, Pacific Coast Powerhouses, Billy Goetz, Wrestling Whirl, Manuel Cortez, Matches of Month, Bob Giegel, Fan Clubs, Full Color Pinup of Billy Varga \$25

JULY 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Rocky Marciano Crushes Don Cockell, Fights of Month, Chico Vejar, Tony Canzoneri's Life (Conclusion), Carmen Basilio describes his war with Tony DeMarco, Fight Nite At St. Nicks, Jimmy Soo, Fantasy Fight with Joe Walcott, Ludwig Lightburn, Benny Leonard vs. Ever Hammer, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—'Tiger' Joe Marsh, Matches of Month, Timmy Geohagen, TV Stars, Yukon Eric Tells How To Build Muscles, Was Henri DeGlane a Nazi? Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Full Color Pinup of Frankie Talaber \$25

AUGUST 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Floyd Patterson, Tony DeMarco, Boxing's Mouthpiece, Mickey Walker, Joe Rowan, Fritz Zivic batters Henry Armstrong, Fighting Irish, Joey Lopes, Sam Langford vs. Stanley Ketchel, Quiz, Luis Firpo, Ratings

Wrestling—Legs Langevin, Yukon Eric, Matches of Month, Promoter Eddie Quinn, Most Dangerous Holds, Joe Cassius, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Full Color Pin Up Of Leo Nomellini \$25

SEPTEMBER 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Rocky Castellani, Promoter Jim Norris, Fight Afternoon, Rudy Garcia, Abe Attell, Billy Graham Quits, Terry McGovern vs. Pedler Palmer, Pat McMurtry, Al Singer, Willie Jackson, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Leo Nomelline, Do Black Wrestlers Get Fair Shake? Matches of Month, Crazy Kalmikoffs, Hans Schnabel, Wrestling Whirl, Al & Tiny Mills, Gossip, Wrestling Stinks! Full Color Pin Up of Big Bill Miller \$25

OCTOBER 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, The Real Marciano, Frankie Carbo, Carmen Basilio, John L. Sullivan vs. Charley Mitchell, Carmelo Costa, Jack Dempsey (Part 1), Paddy Young, Archie Moore, Joe Benjamin, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Hans Herman, Matches of Month, Strangler Lewis, One World's Title! Sky Hi Lee, Wrestling Whirl, Kamikaze Kinji, Hans Schmidt, Full Color Pin Up of Lord Blears \$25

NOVEMBER 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Marciano Kayoed Archie Moore, Fights of Month, Willie Pastrano, What Made Dempsey A Killer? Bud Smith, Yama Bahama, Joe Gans vs. Rue Turner, Strategy, Tony Puleo, Great Trainers, Ratings, Johnny Dundee, Johnny Kilbane, Quiz

Wrestling—Riki Dozan, Matches of Month, Don Arnold, Colorful Characters, Hindu Wrestlers, Chris Tolos, Malcolm Brenner, Full Color Pin Up of Pat O'Connor \$25

JANUARY 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Joey Giambra upsets Bob Olson, Joe Lynch, Ray Drake, Mystery of Joe Walcott Solved, Training Camps, Jimmy Slattery, Chris Christensen, Bare Knuckle Brawl-Tom Johnson vs. Isaac Perrins, Petey

Sarron, Charley White, Ratings, Quiz
Wrestling—Why Women Wrestle, Wrestling Whirl, Bill Fletcher, Ivan Padubny, Bearded Wrestlers, Matches of Month, Art Michalek, Gossip, Fan Clubs \$25

FEBRUARY 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Ralph Dupas, Young Otto, Willie Pep, Billy Conn, Nonpareil Dempsey vs. George LaBlanche, Joe Miceli, Boxing Lesson, I.B.C., Freddie Steele, Ratings, Quiz
Wrestling—Pepper Gomez, June Byers vs. Babs Wingo, Matches of Month, French Angel, Karl Davis, Best Rookies, Lou Thesz, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs \$25

MARCH 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Chuck Spieser, Isaac Logart, Ratings, Luis Firpo's Life, Raton Macias, Jim Jeffries vs. Jim Corbett, Tiger Jones, Boxing Lesson, Review of 1955, Frankie Genaro, Quiz
Wrestling—Leo 'The Lion' Newman, Matches of Month, Doc Gallagher, Terrible Turk, Breast Cancer and Girl Wrestlers, Barefoot Wrestlers, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Wives of Wrestlers \$25

APRIL 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Carmen Basilio, Commissioner Helfand, Pete Herman, Regaining Titles, Bobby Boyd, Ace Hudkins' Life, George Dixon vs. Solly Smith, Joe Benjamin, Louis 'Kid' Kaplan, Quiz \$25

MAY 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, How Floyd Patterson Will Fight Marciano, Ray Robinson's Problems, Jackie 'Kid' Berg's Life, Yama Bahama, 'Kid' Lavigne, Combating TV, Sam Langford, Bob Murphy, Boxing Lesson, Carl Tremaine, Ratings, Quiz
Wrestling—Rocca, Ada Ash, Matches of Month, Old Timers, Prince Maivia, Wrestling Whirl, Jerry Graham, Red Bastien, Gossip \$25

JUNE 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Cisco Andrade, Ludwig Lightburn, Remembering Chicago, Tony Zale's Life, Rory Calhoun, Quiz, Ratings, Tom Sharkey vs. Peter Maher by Jim Corbett, Aurelio Herrera, Dave Shade, Readers' Gripe
Wrestling—'Hard Boiled' Haggerty, Wrestling Whirl, John Pesek, Killer Kowalski, Texas Hot Spot, Powerhouses, Matches of Month, Fan Clubs, Gossip \$25

JULY 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Rocky Marciano, Max Schmeling's Life, Johnny Saxton, John L. Sullivan, Miguel Berrios, Larry Boardman, Quiz, Ratings, Joe Gans vs. 'Elbows' McFadden, Hollywood Legion Stadium, Ritchie Mitchell
Wrestling—Lord Blears, Matches of Month, Mexican Stars, Ramona TeSelle, Danno O'Mahoney, Wrestling Whirl, Roy Shire, TV Wrestling, Gossip \$25

AUGUST 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Tony DeMarco, Bob Fitzsimmons vs. Peter Maher, Cherif Hamia, John Holman, Jess Willard's Life, Bucking TV, Johnny Summerlin, Joe Chynski, Earl Mastro, Ratings, Bob Armstrong, Quiz, Gossip
Wrestling—George Drake, Wrestling Whirl, Chief Kit Fox, Matches of Month, Yvon Robert (Part 1), Why Wrestlers Bleach Their Hair, Bob Geigel, Gossip \$25

SEPTEMBER 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Hurricane Jackson, Will Marciano Fight Again? Mike McGlone, Bob Baker, Joey Giardello vs. Boxing Commission, Strange Anecdotes, Eddie Machen, Johnny Coulon, Paul Jorgensen, Terry McGovern vs. Oscar Gardner, Mike Gibbons, Ratings, Quiz, Letters
Wrestling—Buddy Rogers, Whipper Watson Wins Title From Thesz, Art of Needling, Yvon Roberts (Part 2), Wrestling Whirl, Dot Dotson, Matches of Month, Dick Nelson, Questions & Answers \$25

OCTOBER 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Willie Pastrano, Henry Armstrong's Life, Archie Moore, Jimmy McLarnin, Charley Joseph, Jim Jeffries, Jimmy Soo, Boxing Lesson, Kid Chocolate, Ratings, Quiz, Letters

Wrestling—Don Leo Jonathan, Wrestling Whirl, Fred Blasie, Billy Varga's Wife, Dangers of Wrestling, Yvon Robert (Part 3), Matches of Month, Letters, Fan Club \$25

NOVEMBER 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Tony DeMarco, Art Aragon, Mario D'Agata, Tony Anthony, King Levinsky's Life, Johnny Busso, Joe Louis vs. John Henry Lewis, Ken Overlin, Ratings, Lockport Jimmy Duffy, Kid McCoy vs. Jim Stewart, Quiz

Wrestling—Bobby Managoff, Around the Circuit, Slave Girl Moolah, Ratings, Matches of Month, Yvon Robert (Part 4), George Hubert, Fan Clubs, Letters \$25

DECEMBER 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Gene Fullmer, Jack Dempsey vs. Billy Miske, Harold Carter, Tex Class Fights, Jinx of College Fighters, Barney Ross vs. Jimmy McLarnin, Alex Miteff, Eddie 'Babe' Risko, Leonard Del Genio, Frank Battaglia, Ratings, Letters

Wrestling—John Paul Hennig, Wrestling Whirl, Rose Roman, Tag Team Situation, Matches of Month, Jim Wright, Bull Montana's Wife, Are Fans Crazy? Letters \$25

JANUARY 1957 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Carmen Basilio, Fighter of Year, Mike Gibbons' Life, Predicting the Champs in 1957, Joe Brown, Greatest Lightweights of All Time, Stanley Ketchel, Boxing Lesson, Tommy Loughran beats Jim Braddock, Bill Brennan, Ratings, Quiz, Letters

Wrestling—Carl Engstrom, Greatest Champions of All Time, Bronko Nagurski, Matches of Month, Johnny Barend, Wrestling Whirl, Tito Carreon, Comparing Old and New, Letters \$30

FEBRUARY 1957 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Ray Robinson, Tom Sayers vs. John C. Heenan, Larry Boardman, Jim Jeffries Life in Pictures, Marciano and Manager Al Weil, Jim Corbett vs. Bob Fitzsimmons, Spider Webb, Jack Johnson, Joey Giardello, Panchito Villa vs. Jimmy Wilde, Gordon Wallace, 25 Years Ago, The Fighter, By Back London (Fiction), Quiz, Letters, Pal Moran, Ratings

Wrestling—Letters, Girl Wrestling History, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month \$25

AUGUST 1957 Boxing—Stanley Weston Editorial, Letters, Carmen Basilio, TV Boxing Kayoed? Tom Molyneaux, Jimmy McLarnin kayoed Sid Terris, Willie Meehan Beats Jack Dempsey, Roland LaStarza, Can't Learn in Gym, Abe Attell, Billy Con's Life in Pictures, Walter Byars, Remember When, Eddie Machen, Mike McGuire Today, Ratings, Critics Talk

Wrestling—Yukon Eric, Matches of Month, Mr. Moto, Carlos Moreno, Fan Clubs \$35

SEPTEMBER 1957 Boxing—Stanley Weston Editorial, Letters, Fights of Month, Tony Anthony, Benny Leonard Kayoed by Frank Fleming, Alphonse Halimi, Peter Jackson, Willie Pastrano, Gene Tunney, Billy Ryan, Triple Header; Harry Greg beats Mickey Walker, Dave Shade Kayoed, Jimmy Slattery, Harry Wills Stops Charley Weinert, 'Knockout Brown,' Tom Sayers, Stanley Ketchel's Life in Pictures, Critics Talk, Ratings

Wrestling—Wrestlers Highest Paid, Killer Kowalski, Results of Month, Hard Boiled Haggerty, Letters, Fan Clubs, Facts Behind Wrestling Boom \$35

DECEMBER 1957 Boxing—Stanley Weston Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Pat McMurtry, Billy Soose, Henry Armstrong Beats Barney Ross, The Tiger & The Cub (Fiction), Marcel Cerdan's Life in Pictures, Sam Langford, Roy Harris, Graziano Beats Zale, Orlando Zulueta vs. Joe Brown, Yvon Durelle, Johnny Busso, Harold Gomes,

Harold Johnson, Most Historic Ring, Ratings
Wrestling—Slave Girl Moolah, Belly Laughs, Results of Month, Wrestling Boom, Canadian Trail, 'Blackie' Guzman, Fan Clubs, Steve Stanlee \$25

JANUARY 1958 Boxing—Stanley Weston Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Jimmy Braddock vs. Tommy Farr, Floyd Patterson, Johnny Kilbane, Mike O'Dowd, Chalky Wright, Carmen Basilio, Jimmy Wilde's Life, World's Ten Best Fighters, Quiz, Fighters Turned Actor, Bobbing Lesson, Bare Knuckle Feature, Leach Cross Kayoed Young Otto, Letters, Remember When, Ratings
Wrestling—Ricki Starr, The Bruiser, Canadian Trail, Fan Clubs, Letters, Matches of Month \$25

FEBRUARY 1958 Boxing—TV Jottings, Letters, Fights of Month, Louis vs. Mariano, Robinson vs. LaMotta, Walcott vs. Charles, Pep vs. Saddler, Basilio vs. DeMarco, Light Heavyweight History, Punch that Shocked World (Jack Sharkey Fouls Max Schmeling), Preview of 1958, Born Killer (Fiction), Britain's Boxing Booths, Ray Robinson's Career in Pictures, Picking Winners, Quiz, Gene Tunney-Georges Carpenter Feud, Al McCoy, Critics Talk
Wrestling—Mickey Gold, The Garibaldis, Smith Brothers, Gypsy Joe, The Gallaghers, How Women React to Wrestlers, Photo Highlights, Results of Month, Fan Clubs \$25

APRIL 1958 Boxing—Stanley Weston Editorial, Letters, Fights of Month, Ratings, Carmen Basilio—Fighter of the Year, Complete Review of 1957 featuring Records, Results, Weights, Photos (Eight Pages), Bob Fitzsimmons, History of the Middleweights, Kid Chocolate Beats Fidel LaBarba, John L. Sullivan's Life, Barney Ross' Book, Remember When
Wrestling—Wrestlers in Movies, Sexiest Girl Wrestlers—Penny Banner and Barbara Baker, Predictions for 1958, Is The Champion Lou Thesz or Ed Carpenter? Sellout at the Garden, Photos of Month, Results of Month \$25

WRESTLING REVUE

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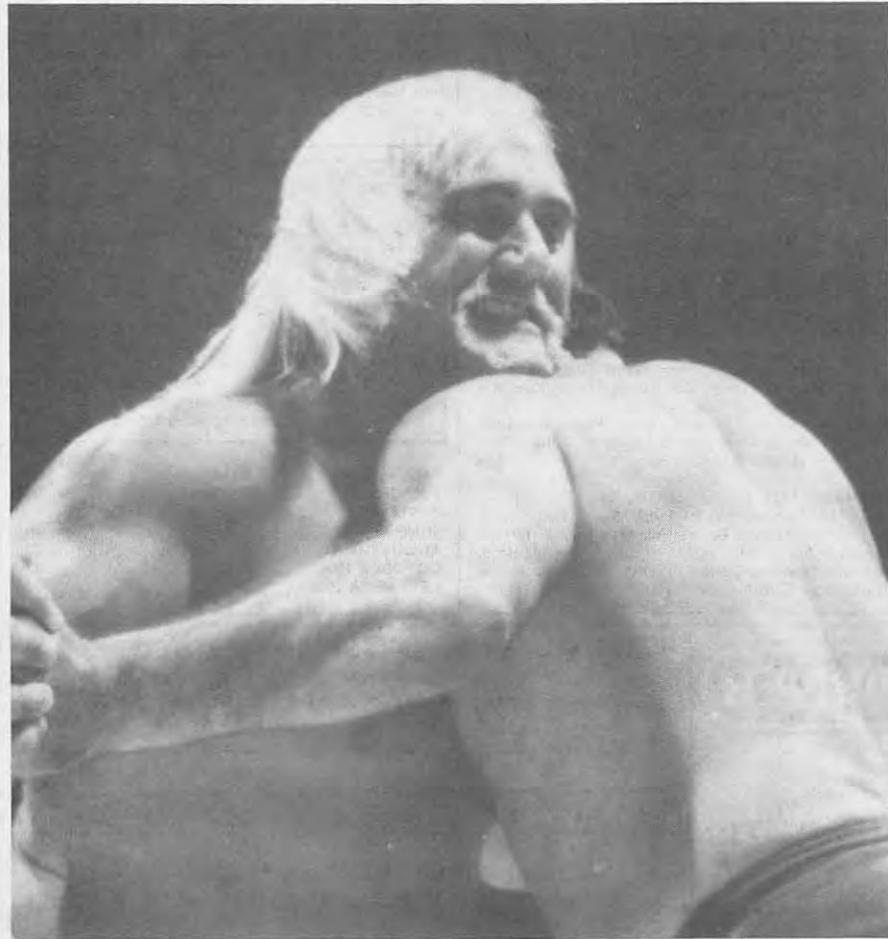
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Hulk Hogan uses his awesome strength to win a battle of fingerlocks with Dominic DeNucci. Apparently, mere strength is not enough for Hogan. The wrestling world fears that Hulk has learned the Lariat from Stan Hansen.

Q: Hulk, you've made some pretty serious charges against Bob Backlund.

A: All deserved, man's nothin' but a coward, a sissy, shouldn't be allowed to wear the belt.

Q: Why?

A: Why? You stupid flea-brain, you ask why? Don't you ever watch wrestlin', don't you see how he cowers at the first sign of trouble? He ain't got guts, he's afraid and shakin' in his boots at the thought of me.

Q: Have you ever spoken to Backlund about these charges?

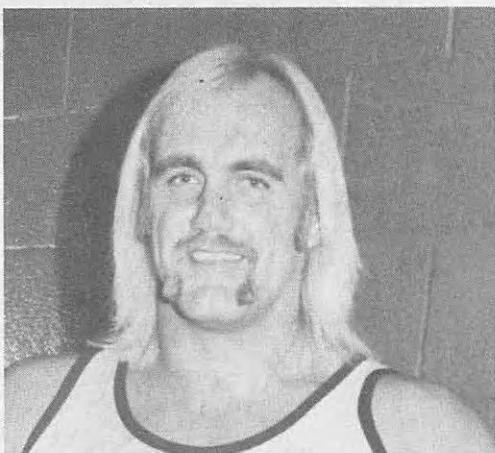
A: You kiddin'? He won't answer the damn phone. Maybe 'cause he don't know how, ha, I know that could be it, man's a lame from the word go, ain't got nothin' upstairs except a pile of cotton candy.

Q: So he avoids all your calls?

A: Yup.

Q: If you could talk to him, what would you say?

A: I'd tell him that he'd better watch his butt 'cause his time is drawin' to a close. Hell, I'm a nice guy. I'd help him find other work, maybe he could mow grass or sweep floors, hah, maybe that'd be his true callin'. Surely wrestling ain't what he's cut out to do.



HULK HOGAN

PERHAPS HULK HOGAN lived in ancient Greece in an earlier life. Surely that would explain his remarkable resemblance to the perfect sculptures of the ancient gods. Much like the Greek gods, Hogan possess an awesome strength and fury mere mortals cannot control. For the past few months, Hogan has stormed his way to the top of the WWF ratings, a few inches from Bob Backlund's championship belt. Now Hogan and manager Fred Blassie claim Backlund must grant a title shot without any provisions for self-disqualification. In short, a duel to the death.

Q: There have been reports of friction between you and Fred Blassie.

A: Lies.

Q: Reliable sources have . . .

A: All lies made up to cause trouble between me and Fred. Hell, we're like brothers. I owe a lot to Fred and would never turn on him, nope, never. He's my

best friend, and me and him'll go straight to the top.

Q: Do you fear he'll betray you?

A: Why'd he do that?

Q: What if he believes you'll never become WWF champion?

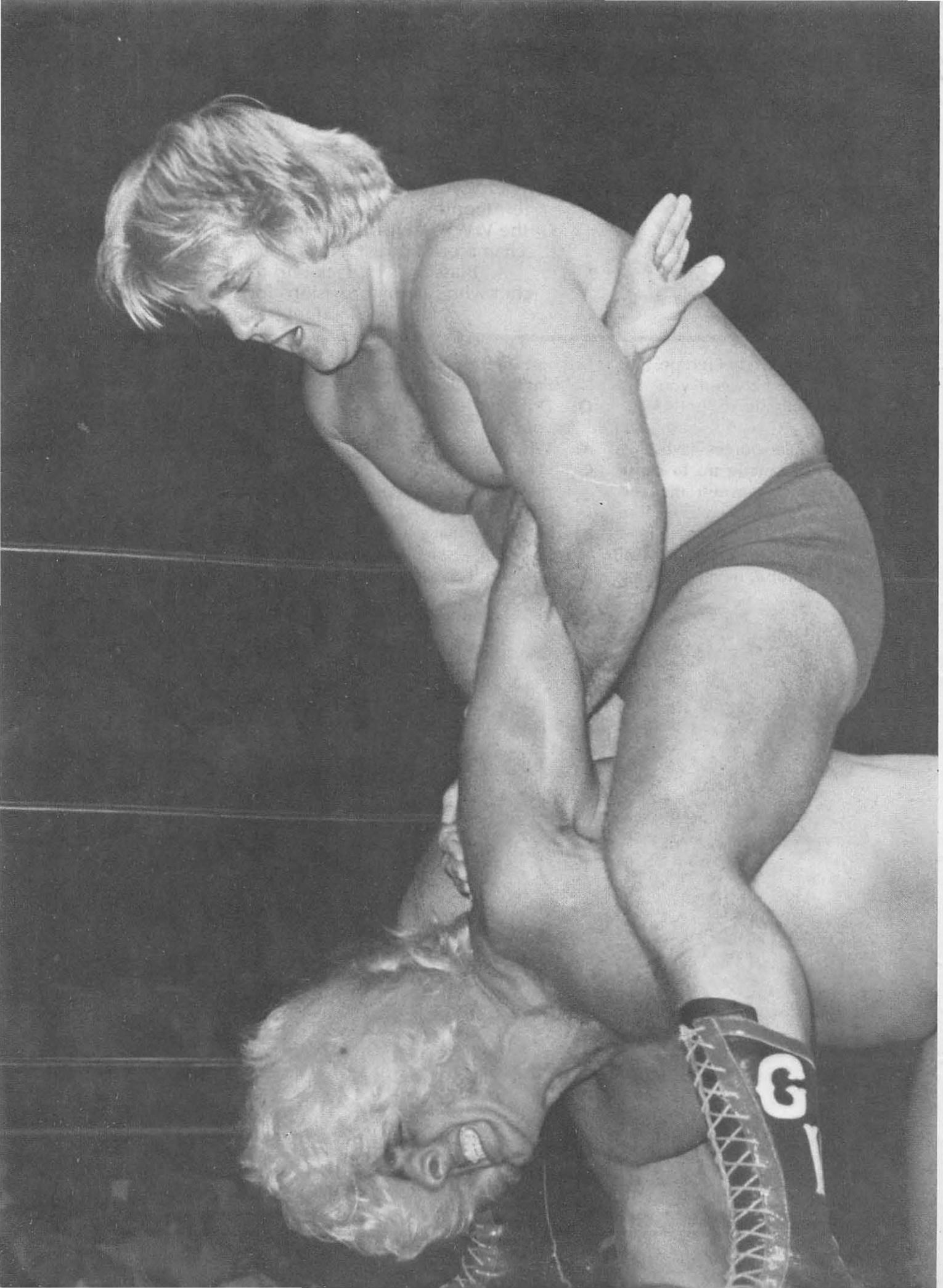
A: See, now that's a pack of lies, man, just a big lump of lies. Ain't no reason for

Fred to think that 'cause I am gonna be champion and pulverize that little worm Backlund into a million and a half tiny pieces, dig? Recently, you've taken to wearing an elbow pad in the ring which many opponents claim is loaded with metal or some such

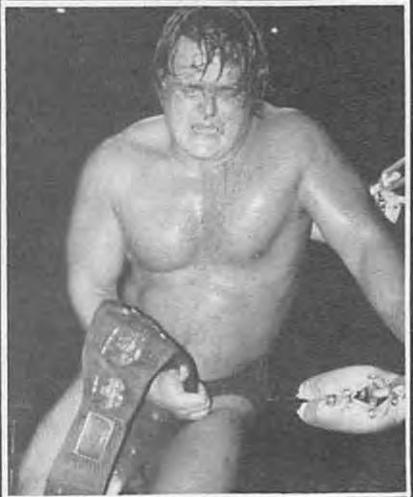
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Manager Fred Blassie measures Hulk Hogan's biceps at 24 inches. Blassie and Hogan feel they have been unfairly denied a shot at Bob Backlund's WWF title.



GREG VALENTINE WINS THE U.S. TITLE FROM RIC FLAIR



**This bout marked
a sad day for**

**Mid-Atlantic wrestling fans. A foul and
unspeakable creature named Greg Valentine
finally tasted his moment of supreme
vengeance. He whipped former
friend Ric Flair for the
United States Heavyweight
title, sending all fans
into mourning**

PHOTOS BY GREG McDANIEL

GREG VALENTINE MOPPED the blood off his forehead. At his bruised feet rested the United States Heavyweight title he won a few minutes ago from Ric Flair. Yet unrestrained joy didn't surge through Valentine's rugged face. Instead, a puzzled pain bordering on resentful rage rifled through the small, heated eyes.

"Yeah, I'm happy I won the belt," snarled Valentine. "Why shouldn't I be? Now the fans got a champion they can be proud of instead of that snivelin' . . ." Valentine broke off the sentence and gazed at the belt. Gently, he picked it up and fingered the diamonds in his huge, strong hands. Valentine sighed, suddenly realized a roomful of reporters and photographers watched his confused turmoil, and glared up.

"So I busted up Flair, why should I care, huh? Think it matters to me, all the things he tells me, once we were friends, now he don't have a nice word for me. All I've done for him, hell, I'm only sorry I didn't cripple him."

"Someone like Flair don't deserve my kindness," said Valentine. "I really tried to keep the friendship goin'. Even when he turned his back on all his own friends, I didn't give up. I tried to understand. What'd I get for my troubles, huh? All I got was a shot in the mouth and a string of curse words."

"That any way to treat a friend? Hell no. I always try to be nice to my friends and see if their little problems can be helped with a word of wisdom or a kind pat on the back. Think Flair bothered talkin' about his turncoat plan with me? Maybe if he woulda spoken to me like a person instead of attackin' me like an animal, I wouldn't have to smash him around and his ugly nose coulda been left in one piece."

Over in the other dressing room, former champion Ric Flair exploded over Valentine's tactics

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INTRODUCING

WEST TEXAS STATE has spawned a wide range of talented athletes: Dusty Rhodes, Terry Funk, Dory Funk Jr., and Dick Murdoch among them. Now another alumnus of that legendary academic institution joins the wrestling ranks. According to some wrestling observers, he may eclipse everyone by the time he's through.

"That Barry Windham's got a world of talent," said Rhodes. "Kid can really move and he ain't afraid to take a punch. You gotta be fearless. When I see a new kid

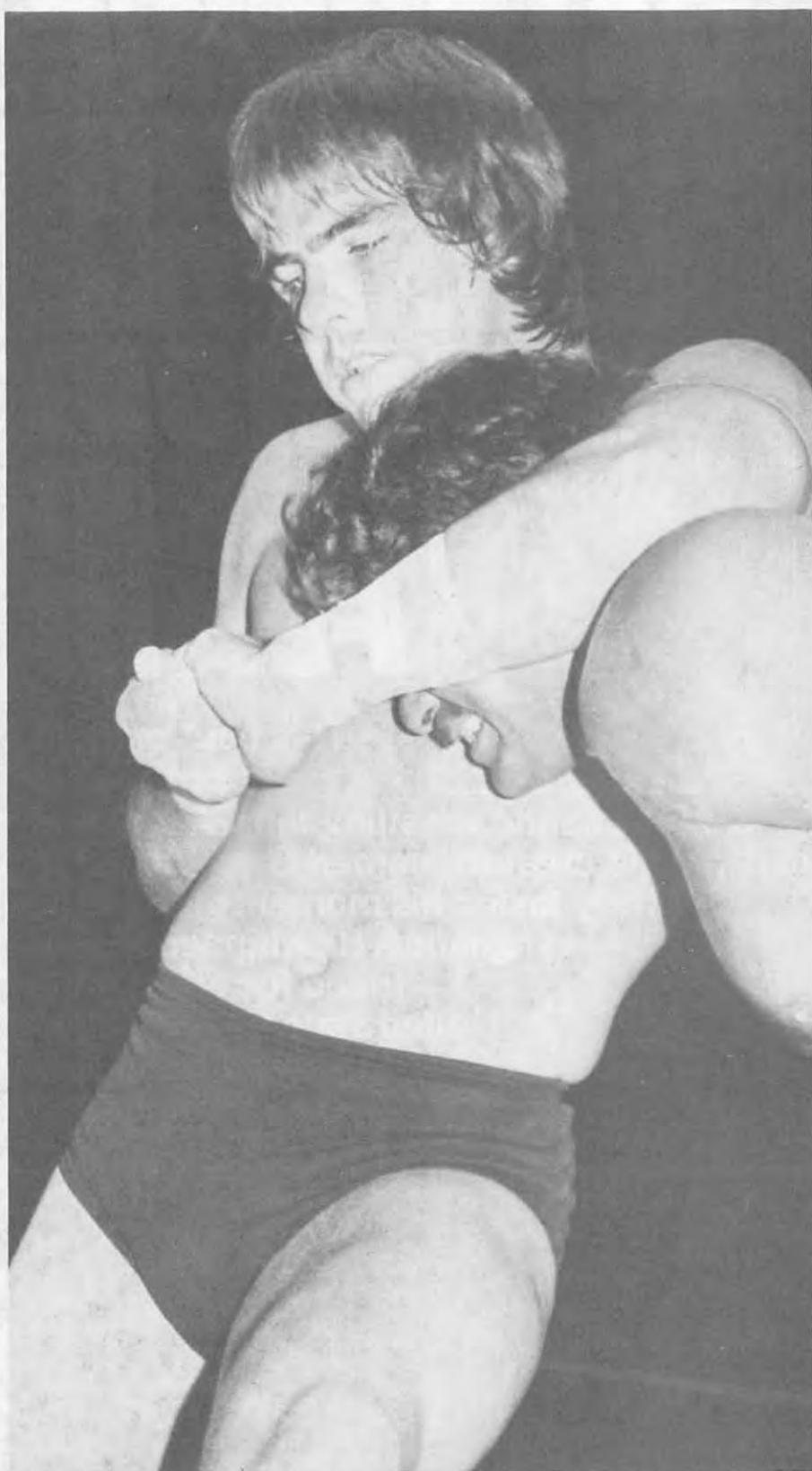
No wrestler in recent memory has excited Florida fans like newcomer Barry Windham. With his grace, speed, and size, Windham beats foes and thrills fans in a unique manner. Whatever his early successes, Windham is marked as a man with a vast, limitless future in professional wrestling

comin' up, first thing I look at is his heart.

"Sure, a flying maneuver or overwhelin' strength may be impressive, but that doesn't mean a whit unless you got the guts to take a real wallop and come back for more," continued Rhodes.

"From what I see of Windham, he can take it and dish it right back. I really admire that."

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BARRY WINDHAM

SPECIAL EDITION

PHOTOS BY BILL APTER & KENNETH GROH

THE MOST SPECTACULAR WRESTLING SHOWS OF ALL TIME!

SAMMARTINO VS. ZBYSZKO



SHOWDOWN AT SHEA

THREE GREAT WRESTLING shows rocked the sport recently. From New York's Shea Stadium to the New Orleans Superdome and Tampa Stadium, wrestling

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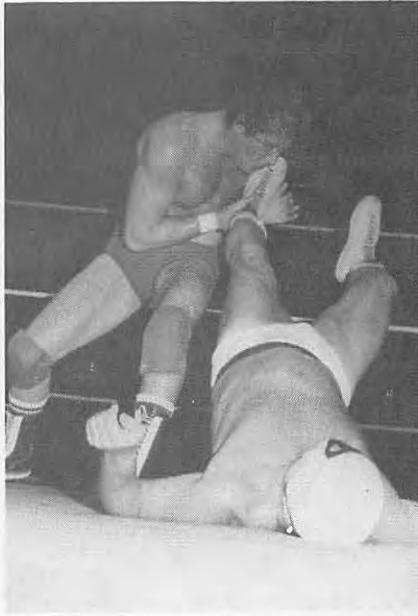


LAST TANGLE IN TAMPA

superstars met on the field of battle.

In New York, the hated Samoans lost their WWF tag team titles to the newly-formed pair of Bob Backlund

DiBiase vs. Mr. Wrestling II



SUPERDOME SPECTACULAR

and Pedro Morales, only to see Backlund's half-share in the crown entwined in controversy. In a steel cage match, Bruno Sammartino
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They attracted nearly 100,000 people and excited the entire sports world. Now you can be witness to the three greatest wrestling spectacles of all time: The Showdown at Shea, the Last Tangle in Tampa, and the Superdome Spectacular

SHOWDOWN at the St

DOMINIC DeNUCCI VS. BARON MIKEL SCICLUNA DeNucci Wins in 6:39

The ever-popular Dominic DeNucci confronted evil Baron Scicluna. These protagonists have met many times before on other battlefields. Despite their wrestling familiarity, both pulled out new tricks in a frenetic effort to unseat each other. DeNucci refused to be drawn into a brawl, displaying the innate dignity which has made him famous. On the other hand, Scicluna stopped at nothing. After several minutes of cheap tactics by Scicluna, DeNucci exploded, pummeled Scicluna and captured the match.



The crowd lends Dominic DeNucci support as he locks up the chin of Baron Scicluna (above). The Baron whips DeNucci into the ropes and follows up with a perfect hiproll (below).



ANGEL MARVILLA VS. JOSE ESTRADA Marvilla Wins in 11:57

The throbbing crowd received a thrilling opening bout as these two tough grapplers went at each other right from the opening bell. Jose Estrada always gives a good account of himself, but he more than met his match against wily Marvilla in this match. Estrada resorted to vicious tactics once he saw all his clean efforts frustrated. Still, Marvilla maintained his poise and, with the fans shrieking, upended Estrada, pounded him against the ropes and delivered a sustained barrage of breathtaking maneuvers for the hard-fought victory.



Angel Marvilla pushes out of Jose Estrada's headlock (above) and delivers a powerful dropkick on the rebound (below). Estrada started the match wrestling cleanly but was constantly outmaneuvered by Marvilla. Jose's vicious tactics proved to be effective for a short time, but the more experienced Marvilla came away with the victory.



THE HANGMAN VS. RENE GOULET

The Hangman Wins in 8:01

The Hangman marched into the ring holding a hangman's noose and pointed at Rene Goulet, threatening to hang the life out of him at the earliest opportunity. Yet Goulet surprised The Hangman and the crowd by seizing control from the start.

"You gotta get on top of the situation and hold it real quick against someone like The Hangman," explained Goulet, a native of Nice, France. "If you let him take charge and get momentum, you're a goner. And I didn't want to go anywhere but stand over The Hangman's unmoving body."

For the first six minutes, Goulet masterfully deflected all his foe's thrusts. Several times, Goulet appeared on the verge of finishing The Hangman off, but his foe skittered free.

The whole complexion of the bout changed around the six-minute mark.

"My man got tired of that goon cheatin' and the ref lookin' the other way and besides, my man can only carry a bum so long," said Fred Blassie, The Hangman's manager.

Using his dreaded Hangman maneuver, the mysterious rulebreaker dropped Goulet throat-first over the ropes.



The Hangman sinks his fingers into Rene Goulet's neck muscles. The two European wrestlers fought at a tremendous pace.

GREG GAGNE VS. RICK McGRAW

Gagne Wins in 14:33

Two talented young wrestlers, Greg Gagne and Rick McGraw, squared off in one of the evening's top scientific bouts.

"I really admire Greg," said McGraw. "He's good and strong and knows what he's doing. I looked forward to wrestling him."

"Rick's a fine up-and-coming wrestler," said Gagne. "He doesn't take the easy way out, works hard, wrestles hard, really shows me a lot of skill and ambition. You have to like that. Too many guys try and brawl, thinking that's the easy way to the top. Not McGraw."

For the first 10 minutes, they exchanged brilliant, at times stunning scientific maneuvers. Speed, agility, and wrestling intellect evidenced themselves through repeated maneuvers seemingly taken from a grappling textbook.

But as so often happens, one man lost his temper, the other thought a low blow landed and this great bout degenerated into a brawl. Gagne ended the proceedings by applying a classic cradlehold on McGraw.

"Maybe some day we can do it again," said Gagne. "That'd be real nice."

McGraw echoed Gagne's statement.

"I just want to say Greg Gagne's a class guy and I learned a lot wrestling him," said McGraw.



Greg Gagne locks up Rick McGraw's arm in a match that began as a scientific encounter but degenerated into a brawl.

PAT PATTERSON VS. TOR KAMATA

Patterson Wins in 1:41

Pat Patterson knew he was in for a tough match against vicious Tor Kamata. And Patterson trained particularly hard for this match.

"You have to be totally on top of things when you go up against Kamata or he'll eat you for breakfast," said Patterson. "Few men can demolish you with one blow. Kamata's one of them. So you gotta prepare a real good defense or you're in big trouble."

Kamata fulfilled Patterson's prophecy from the opening bell. A deceptively quick man despite his huge girth, Kamata grabbed Patterson and tried to squish his ribcage up through his throat. But Patterson hasn't been wrestling all this time to not pick up a few little tricks along the way.

"I anticipated his tactics and knew I'd have to brawl a little if I was gonna win," said Patterson. "You just don't stand your ground and try and be really nice against Kamata or it's curtains."

A lot of violence was crammed into this frenzied, short match. After one minute, both men panted like crazed animals. But Patterson retained his reasoning faculties and upended Kamata for a well-deserved triumph.



Tor Kamata attacked Pat Patterson before the ringing of the bell and wound up on the short end of the prebout action.

(For the WWF Junior Heavyweight Title)
CHAVO GUERRERO VS. CHAMPION TATSUMI FUJINAMI
Fujinami Wins in 10:28

It was quite apparent Fujinami wouldn't let his belt go without a brutal fight. Guerrero relied on his speed and agility to repeatedly foil Fujinami's strength moves. Once, Guerrero slipped behind Fujinami and tried to slip him backwards. But Fujinami isn't champion for nothing. He sensed Guerrero's tactic, spun around and delivered a stunning blow to Guerrero's head. Chavo slumped and had to draw on all his extra reserves of strength to force firmness into his wobbly knees. The young challenger deserves credit for going forward. Within a matter of minutes, Guerrero was back in the fight, evading Fujinami's lunges and landing several blows to the champion's mid-section. Midway through the match, Guerrero almost upset the champion with a reverse armlock. Yet Fujinami slithered away, reserved the maneuver and slammed Guerrero to the ground, dazing the youngster. This time Guerrero had difficulty regaining his senses. Fujinami seized on Guerrero's confusion and tossed him around the ring. Though Guerrero gamely held on, he couldn't recover and Fujinami successfully defended his title.



Chavo Guerrero, who came north from Texas for a shot at the WWF Junior Heavyweight title, drives Tatsumi Fujinami's leg into the canvas.

(For the National Wrestling Federation Heavyweight Title)
CHAMPION ANTONIO INOKI VS. LARRY SHARPE
Inoki Wins in 9:41

Obviously Larry Sharpe saw a golden opportunity to advance quickly up the wrestling ladder should he topple the great Inoki and whisk away the title. And Sharpe wouldn't be denied.

"I trained long and hard for this match," said Sharpe, from Paulsboro, New Jersey. "I know that creep Inoki doesn't have much on the ball, and I could whip him if I just didn't let his dirty tricks upset me."

Who's dirty tricks? Inoki tried to shake Sharpe's hand, but the challenger spit on the mat and swung at him. Despite this uncalled-for violation of Oriental sportsmanship, Inoki didn't get angry. That is simply not his way.

"I would not stoop to that young man's level," said Inoki. "I would not shame my family in the manner Sharpe shames his. I have an obligation to my fans, my family, and my nation. Nothing someone like Sharpe could ever do would force me to violate that honorable obligation."

Using time-honored Oriental wrestling maneuvers and relying on overpowering size, Inoki managed to snare Sharpe in a crushing bearhug, squeezing the air and intensity out of the young rulebreaker and preserving his title.



NWA champion Antonio Inoki connects with a solid karate thrust to Larry Sharpe's throat.

IVAN PUTSKI VS. JOHNNY RODZ
Putski Wins in 4:47

The "Polish Power" of Ivan Putski met the unpredictability of Johnny Rodz head-on in a brief, yet ferocious bout.

"I don't like that Rodz," snapped Putski in a prematch assessment. "I don't like what he stands for. You can bet that Polish Power is going to wipe him out of the stadium."

Rodz utilized his violent unpredictability to full advantage through the first minute and a half, repeatedly baiting Putski with vile taunts.

"I do not like him, he smells bad and I told him so," explained Rodz.

Infuriated beyond control, Putski unleashed an awesome assault which culminated in battering Rodz with a blinding barrage of punches, finishing with a Polish Hammer.

"He tells me what he thinks of me, I tell him what I think of him," said Putski. "I don't like big-mouths and Johnny Rodz has a big, ugly mouth. I took great pride in demolishing him and hope this sets a lesson to all future opponents to watch what they say or they'll suffer the same fate as Rodz."



Ivan Putski displays some "Polish Power" as he squeezes the air out of Johnny Rodz with a bearhug.

ANDRE THE GIANT VS. HULK HOGAN

Andre Wins in 7:48

The loudest boos of the night were saved for the appearance of the Incredible Hulk Hogan and his manager, Fred Blassie. As the arrogant 6-8 blond monster sauntered toward the ring, fans screamed their throats raw. In contrast, an explosion of cheers poured down upon Andre the Giant as he entered the ring. This match swiftly moved into a test of strength between these behemoths. Andre unleashed his strength in a manner never witnessed before. Yet Hogan was equal to the task, driven by determination to unseat Andre as King of the Giants.

"Andre's a freak and I wanted the whole world to see him for the ugly, grotesque freak he is," snapped Hogan.

Yet the critical element of the match occurred after it ended. Andre manipulated Hogan into a position for a body press, nearly squishing Hogan. But Hogan and, specifically Blassie, wouldn't



Rarely, if ever, is Hulk Hogan at a size disadvantage. Andre uses his leverage as he holds Hogan in a crucifix (above left). Hogan has a worried expression as he desperately tries to avoid a flying Andre (above right). The conclusion of the match is under review.

accept the decision. Blassie handed Hogan something which the wrestler slipped into his elbow pad. Without warning, Hogan smashed Andre in the head. Blood gushed down the Giant's face.

"I will get him," roared an incensed Andre afterwards. "Hogan and Blassie will pay for this

with every ounce of blood left in their veins. They will be destroyed!"

The conclusion of the match is marred by controversy. Several days after this confrontation, films revealed that Hogan threw Andre off just as the referee made his three count. Blassie and Hogan have demanded a rematch.

(For the Inter-Continental Title) **CHAMPION KEN PATERA VS. TONY ATLAS**

Atlas Wins in 8:23

Beneath the obvious stakes was fierce pride on Atlas' behalf and Patera's unspoken ambition to destroy Atlas for alleged sins committed during the days both wrestled in the Mid-Atlantic area.

"I never liked Atlas," said Patera. "He gives weightlifters a bad reputation. People will look at that stupid kisser of his and think all weightlifters are ignorant morons. I want the public to know you can be the strongest man alive and the brightest, as I am."

Atlas chafed under Patera's taunts.

"I'm just gonna whip his butt, that's all," threatened Atlas. "I'm gonna whip him, that's what I gotta do."

Despite Atlas' countout triumph,



Two of wrestling's most powerfully-built men, Tony Atlas and Ken Patera, had a bitter score to settle. Patera grabs Atlas by the back of the head and throws him across the ring (above left). Atlas presses Patera high into the air and drops him face first to the mat (above right).

he wasn't satisfied. Atlas seized the microphone and returned Patera's earlier taunts.

"Forget this wrestlin' victory, I want you to come back in here and fight like a man," shouted Atlas.

Patera nodded grim acceptance and climbed onto the top rope, preparing to launch himself atop

Atlas. At the last second, Patera changed his mind, jumped to the ground *outside* the ring and walked away.

"Why should I waste my strength on a bum? I've better things to do with my time than fight a wimp," growled Patera as he sauntered back to the dressing room.

**(For the WWF Tag
Team Title)**

**CHAMPIONS THE
SAMOANS VS. BOB
BACKLUND & PEDRO
MORALES**

**Backlund & Morales
Win in 9:57; 2:15**

When the four protagonists entered the ring, all assumed the WWF tag team title would be

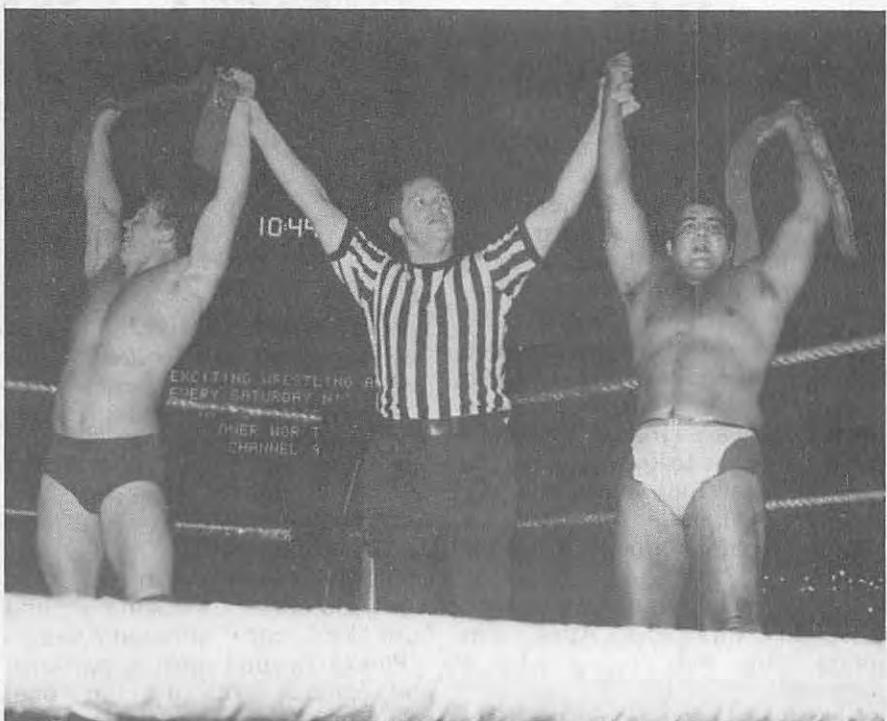
determined by one fall, winner-take-all. Little did they count on an added ingredient: Captain Lou Albano.

The first fall progressed as expected. Afa and Sika utilized their barbaric Samoan tactics, encouraged by Albano. Backlund and Morales responded with a stunning array of scientific maneuvers. Midway through the match, Backlund snared Afa in a crunching headlock and proceeded to dump him for the victory. Morales and Backlund hoisted their arms in seeming victory, thinking the title was theirs. But Albano rushed into the ring and insisted this was best two-out-three falls and another fall was required.

Rarely have Backlund and Morales been so unfurated. The scientific wrestlers came out for the second fall with blood in their eyes, determined to win the titles, no matter what they had to do. This last fall was quite short as The Samoans, on the run and afraid, retreated, losing swiftly. The WWF had new tag team champions, Bob Backlund and Pedro Morales. But a technical question marred their triumph. Backlund, reigning WWF champion, does not have the time to defend two titles simultaneously. He must relinquish the tag team title. Though Morales was upset, he went along with plans to hold a special tournament to decide the suddenly vacated crown.



Captain Lou Albano aids in an attack on Pedro Morales (above). Bob Backlund tries to escape a necklock (above right). Pedro takes the offensive (below). Dick Kroll raises the arms of the new WWF tag team champions (below right).



BRUNO SAMMARTINO VS. LARRY ZBYSZKO

Sammartino Wins in 14:04

This was to be the final battle, the culmination of this horrible feud between Bruno Sammartino and Larry Zbyszko. Added to the tension was Bruno's promise to retire if he lost.

"I want him," muttered Zbyszko. "I want him so bad I can taste it."

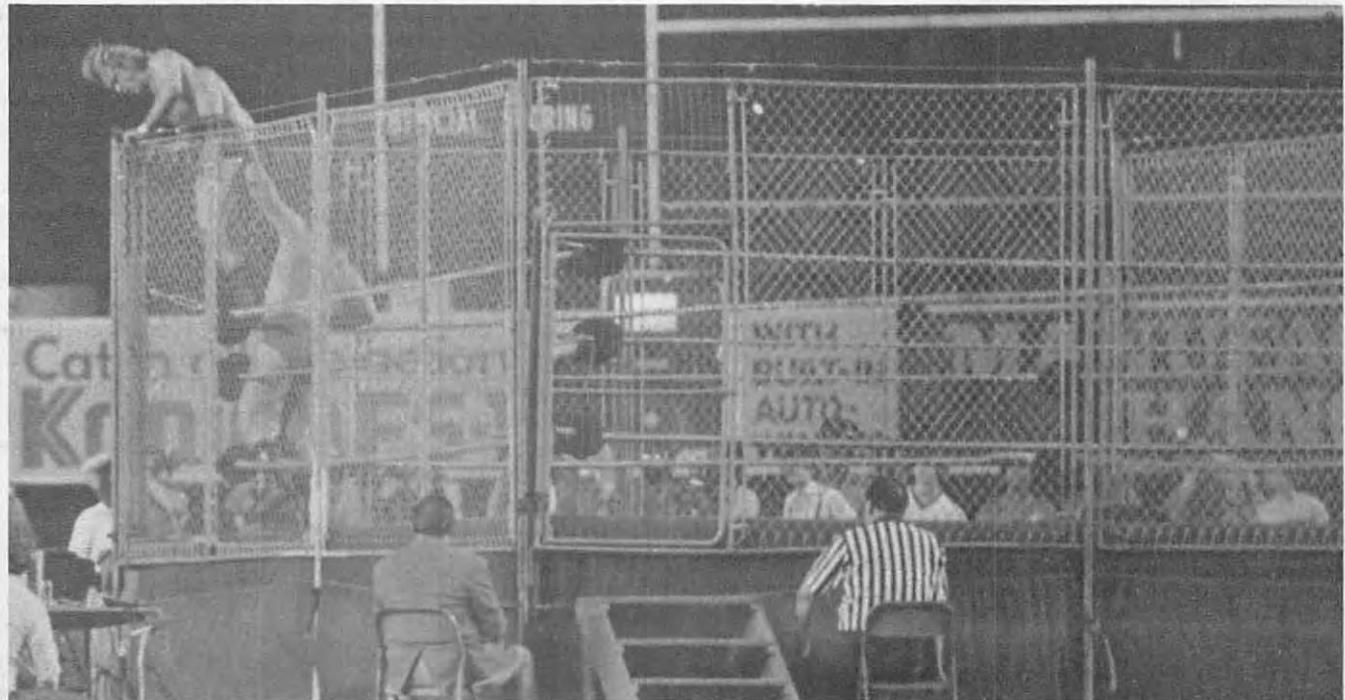
"Doggone, one of us won't come out of that steel cage tonight," growled Sammartino. "And it won't be me."

Nothing in wrestling compares with the hideous potential of a steel cage match. Each accepts the possibility of bloody destruction when he climbs into that cage and hears the doors slam shut. Each knows, in a manner unparalleled in wrestling, that death peers through the bars.

Blood quickly poured during the brawl, Bruno cut on the arm, Zbyszko bleeding from the face.

Twice Zbyszko tried to climb out of the cage and twice Sammartino pulled him back. Once Zbyszko nearly escaped through the door, but Sammartino pulled him back and rammed his head into the cage.

As Sammartino left a battered Zbyszko in the cage, the Living Legend slid his index finger over his throat, the Italian death sign. But Zbyszko wasn't done. He chased after Sammartino, screaming "Bruno." As Zbyszko approached from behind, Sammartino whirled and punched his former protege in the face.



Bruno Sammartino thwarts Larry Zbyszko's attempt to escape the cage (above). Zbyszko shouts at Bruno as the winner is led away from the cage by Arnold Skoaland (below). One final confrontation as Larry has not had enough (left).



LAST TANGLED TAPE

JACK BRISCO VS. MR. SAITO

Brisco Wins in 9:18

Mr. Saito is a master of the sleeperhold, one of the maneuvers which teeters on that thin line between a fair move and an insidious instrument of torture.

"I use it to win," declared Mr. Saito. "And anything I need to win is okay."

Yet Jack Brisco adheres to a vastly different philosophy.

"I don't believe in maiming or crippling an opponent for the sake of victory," said Brisco, a two-time NWA champion. "I've been in tough spots before and I've had the opportunity to really cripple someone to gain a victory.

"But I didn't. No victory is worth maiming someone. There's more to this game than simply winning or losing."

Saito tried to place the sleeper on Brisco and nearly succeeded. Only through Brisco's enormous courage did he elude the hideous move and reverse the assault.

"Saito thinks he's pretty tough, doesn't he," said Brisco. "Well, I think he learned a little bit about wrestling right here in Tampa. You don't come gunning for someone with a lot of talk unless you're able to defend yourself. You need guts to defend yourself, something Saito obviously doesn't have."



Jack Brisco, attempting a pinning combination, was out to show Mr. Saito the meaning of courage.

SEVEN-WOMEN BATTLE ROYAL

Wendy Richter Wins in 10:34

The top gal wrestlers in the country gathered for this titanic \$10,000 Battle Royal. Joining eventual winner Wendy Richter were Fabulous Moolah, Kathy Hardee, Pepper Torres, Tanya West, Lelaini Kai, and Cindy Majors. Violence and growing tempers brewed through the match, finally percolating in a battle between Moolah and Richter.

"I like wrestlin' Moolah 'cause she's always been the best, and I think you gotta wrestle the best," said Richter. "She's a real challenge and I felt real good whippin' her for the victory."

Moolah was less than a gracious winner.

"Well, darlin', I wanna thank Wendy for those kind words," she said, "but I'd feel a whole sight better if she'd won in a fair match instead of the way she cheated me out of my victory."



Peak action of the seven-women battle royal (above). Wendy Richter, the eventual winner, chokes Lelaini Kai (below).



JERRY BRISCO VS. LORD AL HAYS

Brisco Wins in 8:23

Perhaps Jerry Brisco believed Lord Al Hays' skill was somewhat stale after his long stint as manager in the AWA. Guess again.

"Wrestling is like riding a bicycle," said Hays. "You never forget how to fling a guy around the ring and pounce on top of him."

But Brisco rose to the challenge and, after a heated, furious bout in which holds were exchanged every five seconds, Brisco emerged victorious.



Lord Al Hays clamps his arms around Jerry Brisco's chin (above). With the encouragement of the huge crowd, Jerry wins this battle of strength (below).



JIM GARVIN VS. HANGMAN BOBBY JAGGERS

Garvin Wins in 10:21

Hangman Bobby Jaggers had only one thought as he scampered into the ring.

"Destroy Jim Garvin," said Jaggers. "That's what I came for and that's what I'm gonna do."

Jaggers best efforts, though, were upended by Garvin's relentless assault.

"Next time he wants to make a threat, Jaggers better have the guts to back it up with his fists," said Garvin.



Hangman Bobby Jaggers applies a front headlock to Jim Garvin (above). Garvin retreats trying to avoid Jaggers' elbowsmash (below).



MR. FLORIDA VS. SUPER DESTROYER

Super Destroyer Wins in 11:33

Someday, perhaps, Super Destroyer will try and wrestle an entire match without aid from his manager, Sir Oliver Humperdink. When he does, Mr. Florida wants first shot.

"It's so darn frustrating," shouted Florida. "You get that bum in a hold, he's just a shade away from falling apart, and that cheating swine manager of his runs in and hits you from behind."

Displaying the intestinal fortitude and style which earns him the admiration of thousands of Florida wrestling fans, Mr. Florida seized early control of the match.

"Man, I really wanted that guy," said Florida.

Moment by moment, Super Destroyer collapsed before Mr. Florida's relentless assault.

"All you gotta do is apply pressure and make him hurt. Any coward will fall down when you give him pain," said Florida.

As Florida seemed on the verge of a great victory, Humperdink interfered. Florida wouldn't ignore the attack and reciprocated. All that did was spread his defenses far too thin and subject him to a crushing, embittering defeat.

"Someday I'm gonna get him in an alley and look out, man. He won't have his buddy around, and I'll smash him into the ground."



Mr. Florida held a clearcut advantage over Super Destroyer until Sir Oliver Humperdink interfered.

(For the Southern Heavyweight Title)
BARRY WINDHAM VS.
CHAMPION DICK SLATER

Slater Wins in 11:03



Dick Slater wants to whip an unwilling Barry Windham across the ring (left). Barry withstood the pain of Slater's abdominal stretch and eventually escaped (above).

(For the NWA Junior Heavyweight Title)
MIKE GRAHAM VS.
CHAMPION LES THORNTON

Thornton Wins in 13:27



Graham is in deep concentration as he holds Les Thornton in a figure-four armlock.

Young Barry Windham displayed extraordinary courage in his valiant attack upon Dick Slater's Southern Heavyweight title reign. Though Windham has only been in wrestling a short while, he and Slater have already built a bitter feud.

"I don't know where Slater comes off thinking he can try and hurt me and call me names and put me down and think I'll just stand there and take it," said Windham. "Maybe Slater thinks he can get away with that 'cause he's gotten away with it with other young guys."

"Well, I learned real quick that you gotta stand up for your rights and fight back when some gutless bully tries to push you around. That's what I had to do with Slater, and that's what I'll do again."

Slater battered and gouged Windham throughout the match. Yet Windham never flinched, absorbed the blows, and responded with equally effective, though clean, wrestling. Still, Windham's inexperience showed when Slater pulled a particularly gruesome trick and managed to toss Windham through the ropes into the front seats. The gallant young challenger failed to return and was counted out.

Maybe Mike Graham wants to win too badly.

"I get so fired up I, I don't know, I have trouble holding back," said Graham after his disappointing loss to champion Les Thornton in the NWA Junior Heavyweight title match. "All my life, I've dreamed of being champion and winning this damn belt. When I signed for the match, I vowed to win it."

"I think I really have to learn how to hold back and not let my intensity get the best of me. Like tonight, I shouldn't have backdropped Thornton. I should've used any other maneuver, but not the backdrop. But I did. And I lost."

After three minutes of sustained scientific brilliance, Graham snared Thornton and whipped him into the ropes. On the rebound, Graham backdropped the champion. Thornton sailed over the top rope, an immediate disqualification.

"I had the title in my hands and I blew it," said Graham, shaking his head. "I don't know, sometimes I'm my worst enemy. I better learn how to harness my skills or I'll be backdropping title chances all my life."



Though Graham survived Thornton's flying kneedrop, he was later disqualified for an accidental maneuver.

DICK MURDOCH & BUGSY McGRAW VS. NIKOLAI VOLKOFF & IVAN KOLOFF

Murdoch & McGraw Win in 9:35

Past, unresolved hatreds ran deep and strong in this grudge match between four of Florida's top mat stars.

"We had nothing else to do today," said Nikolai Volkoff, yawning. "We decided to get in a little exercise. A very little bit of exercise."

"Wrestling McGraw and Murdoch is like wrestling your maiden aunt," said Ivan Koloff. "Usually we do not consider wrestling preliminary men, but we had nothing else to do."

"Ivan Koloff and Nikolai Volkoff will be driven from the shores of this great nation, this I swear before God and flag," screamed McGraw, eyes bulging.

Murdoch avoided long-winded



Dick Murdoch grabs Ivan Koloff off the top turnbuckle from where the Russian Bear was about to launch an offensive (above left). Attempting to escape Bugsy McGraw's headlock, Koloff fires a right to the belly (above right).

predictions.

"We'll bury 'em," he said.

From start to finish, this was one wild melee. Punches flew around the ring and limbs twisted in grotesque angles.



The Soviets were no match for the brutal brawling of Dick Murdoch and the punishing passion of Bugsy McGraw. When the result was tallied, Murdoch and McGraw had a great victory.

ANDRE THE GIANT VS. SUPER DESTROYER

Andre Wins in 8:19

Originally, Ernie Ladd was to wrestle Andre the Giant. Supposedly, Ladd couldn't make an airplane connection out of Japan. Andre believes otherwise.

"He is just afraid of me, that's all," insisted the Giant.

But Sir Oliver Humperdink came to the rescue.

"My man Super Destroyer would love to wrestle Andre. He's consider it an honor to wrestle a freak one step removed from a carnival," boasted Humperdink.

With the opening clinch, the battle began. Andre tried to overwhelm Super Destroyer, but the Masked man proved too slippery and managed to slither out of many of Andre's power maneuvers. Several times Super Destroyer delivered low blows and, on one occasion, tried to poke out Andre's right eye with a pencil.

"That made me mad," said



Andre. "After he tried to do that, it was no more Mr. Nice Guy."

The Giant unleashed the full fury of his rage, nearly decapitating Super Destroyer. Unlike the earlier



Filling in for Ernie Ladd, Super Destroyer held his own against Andre (left) until the angered Giant retaliated (above).

match in which Humperdink interfered against Mr. Florida, the bearded manager didn't dare run in.

"No one interferes against the Giant," snarled Andre.

(For the WWF Title) **DON MURACO VS. CHAMPION BOB BACKLUND**

Backlund Wins in 15:48

Don Muraco thought his fiendish maneuvers, the Asiatic Spike and Asiatic Hammer, would be sufficient to intimidate and inevitably dethrone Bob Backlund as WWF champion. Guess again.

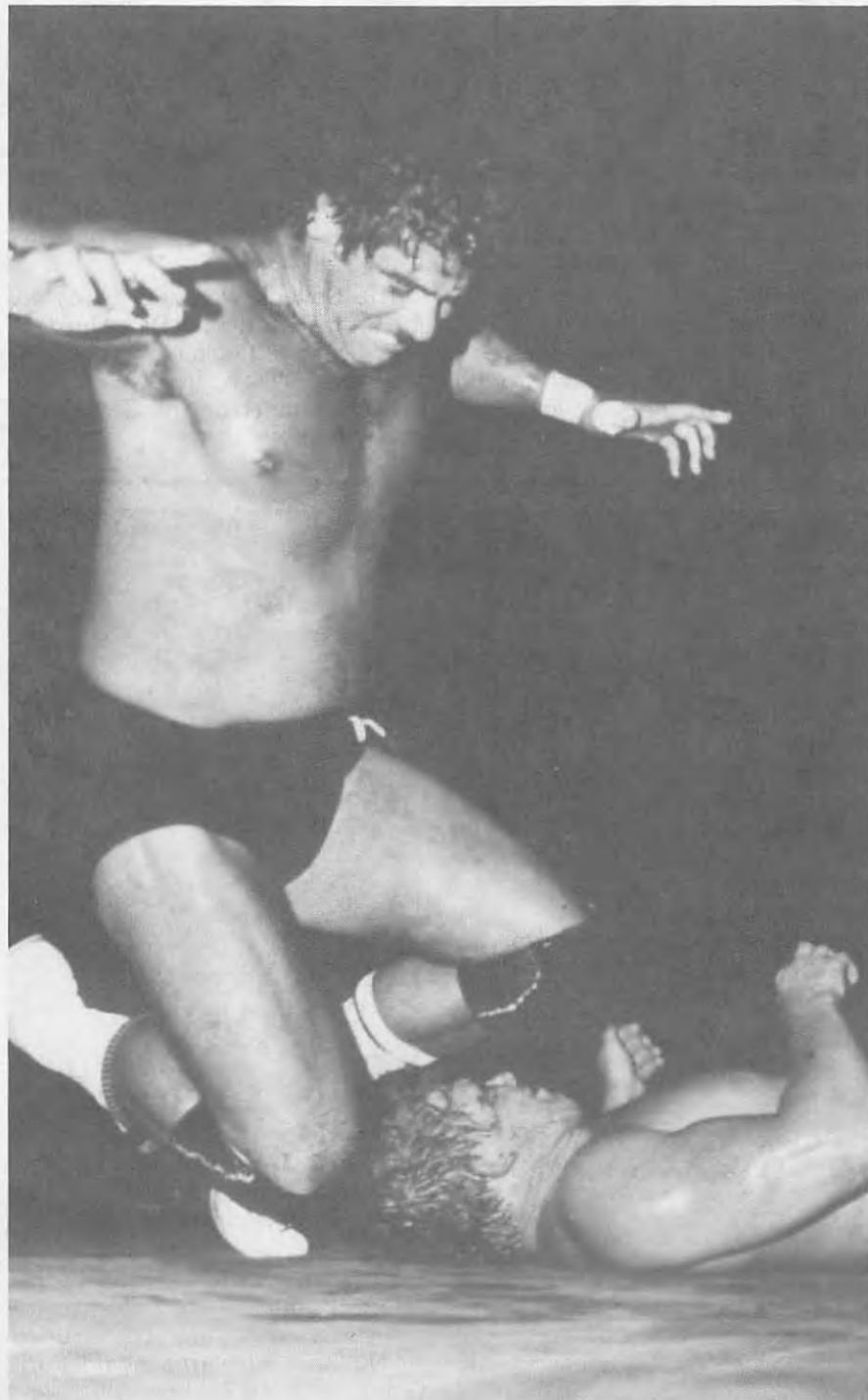
"I've seen worse," said Backlund, shrugging his broad shoulders. "I'm not impressed. I've seen tougher guys with better maneuvers. Too often, you see guys who think all they gotta do is show up, shoot off their big mouth, use one dirty trick, and they've got the match."

"I've wrestled the very best and the very meanest. I'd put Don Muraco somewhere in the middle, very mediocre. And most of all, he doesn't have any guts."

Backlund referred to the end of the match. Muraco's temper got the best of him and he tossed Backlund

over the top rope, disqualifying himself. But Backlund wouldn't accept such a victory and demanded the match continue to an end befitting a title match. Both Muraco and Humperdink slunk back to the dressing room.

"What kind of contender is he anyway?" yelled Backlund. "I offered him a chance to come back and fight like a man. Instead he runs back to the dressing room like a spoiled little brat. Hah, last time he gets a shot. Hope all of Florida realizes what a coward Muraco really is."



Challenger Don Muraco kneedrops Bob Backlund's head (left). Backlund's face reddens as Muraco pounds away (above). Bob keeps his face out of Muraco's elbow range while applying a hammerlock (below).



(For the NWA Title) **DUSTY RHODES VS. CHAMPION HARLEY RACE**

Rhodes Wins One Fall to None

Believe it or not, this will be the last time these two men ever meet for the NWA championship.

"I will never wrestle Harley Race

for the NWA title as long as the belt is wrapped around his gut," snarled Rhodes after another disappointing, disputed decision.

Rhodes captured the first fall by whipping Race into the ropes and delivering a perfect elbowsmash onto Race's jaw, knocking the champion to the ground.

"He hit me in the throat, typical Rhodes move," insisted Race.

The second fall lasted until the time limit. Race wrestled furiously, and the second fall ended inconclusively. Rhodes won the match, but couldn't win the title since he

didn't win two falls.

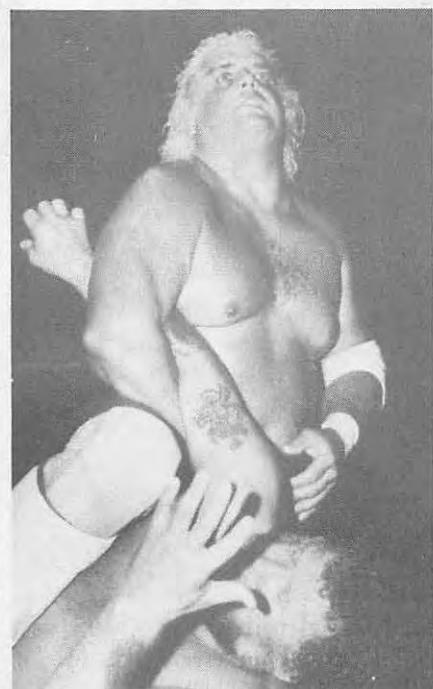
"Again I was deprived of my belt," Rhodes shouted. "I'm sick and tired of that, understand? Race shoulda kept on wrestlin' to see who was the real champion. But he wouldn't, he's afraid of me, he ain't got no guts, and I'm tired of bein' cheated by that fat bum."

Race calmly surveyed the situation from a reclining position in his dressing room.

"Why should I care whether Rhodes ever wrestles me again or not?" he asked. "Guy's a loser, and he's starting to bore me anyway."



Rhodes locks Race in a figure-four leglock (above) and an armlock (left). Race uses a rope around Dusty's neck to get back in command (below) and applies a headlock (right).

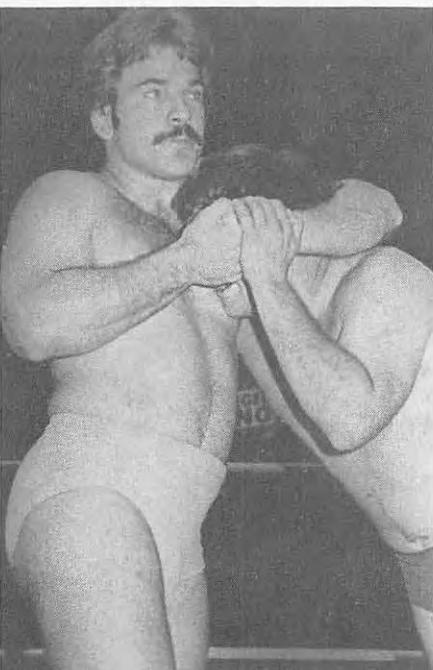


SUPERDOMESTIC SPECTACULAR

TERRY LATHAM VS. TOMMY WRIGHT

Latham Wins in 7:20

Two up-and-coming young wrestlers confronted each other's rising ambitions in a thoroughly entertaining match. Both demonstrated vast potential as scientific wrestlers and a core of inner decency and toughness any hopeful wrestler requires.

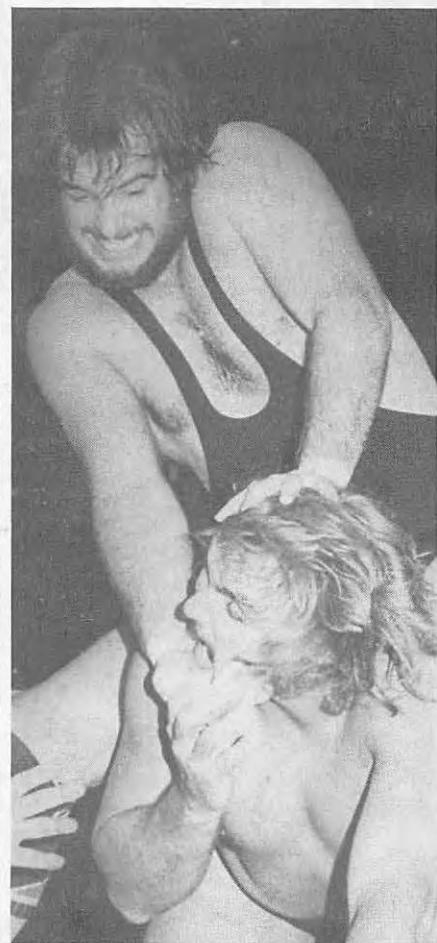


Tommy Wright applies a headlock on Terry Latham during an even, scientific match. Latham later assumed control and pulled out the victory.

TERRY ORNDORFF & MIKE MILLER VS. JOHN MANTEL & RON CHEATHAM

Orndorff & Miller
Win in 6:31

Lusty cheers greeted Terry Orndorff and Mike Miller as they climbed through the hollowed ropes. In converse, jeers and boos bombarded evil John Mantel and Ron Cheatham's entrance into the ring. Unfortunately, this match swiftly deteriorated into a brawl through no fault of Orndorff and Miller. Several times they tried to shake hands and maintain a sportsman-like air about the match. Each time their efforts were met with viciousness and treachery. Disgusted beyond mortal tolerance, Orndorff and Miller battered their foes senseless and walked out with a popular decision.



John Mantel twists Mike Miller's neck just short of the breaking point, but Miller refuses to submit.

JUNKYARD DOG VS. MICHAEL HAYES

Junkyard Dog Wins in 11:20

There wasn't a dry eye in the Superdome when Junkyard Dog walked toward the ring. Blinded by a foreign substance in a senseless assault recently, Junkyard Dog insisted on carrying out all his wrestling obligations. Others would have placed their tail between their legs and hid until fully recovered. Not Junkyard Dog.

"After I was blinded, I was amazed how much better my other senses became," said Junkyard. "I think this injury actually helped me. Any opponent stupid enough to think I'm a cripple is in for a shock, man," Junkyard said.

Fittingly, Junkyard and Michael Hayes wrestled in a dog collar-steel cage match. A dog collar was wrapped around both their necks and tied together. Perhaps Hayes thought Junkyard would roll over and play dead.

With extraordinary, relentless precision, Junkyard hammered away. After minutes of this brutal beating, Hayes fell apart.

"Man, my bones ache after that Dog finished with me" sighed Hayes.



In an amazing display of courage, Junkyard Dog, blinded by a recent injury, agreed to battle Michael Hayes.

THE ASSASSIN VS. STEVEN LITTLE BEAR

The Assassin Wins in 9:45

The Assassin was determined to go far beyond the bounds of wrestling decorum. Most wrestlers are content with victory. Not the fiendish Assassin.

"Victory alone is for chumps," said The Assassin. "I want more than a win. Anyone can win, what's the trick to that? I want to feel my opponent's blood dripping through my fingers. If I'm really motivated by a fair wrestler, about the best they ever dare send against me, I'm after a limb. I'm collecting fingers."

The Assassin's malicious tactics were evidenced from the opening bell. Before Little Bear could set himself, The Assassin launched a sneak, pre-emptive strike, battering Little Bear against the far ropes.

"He was in the ring, he's ready," snarled The Assassin.

Little Bear never fully recovered from that blow, though he did display marvelous courage in beating off this hideous foe. In very quick time, Little Bear dripped with blood, evoking a ghoulish grin from The Assassin.

"That's how I like to see my opponents at the end. On the ground, covered with blood," said a grinning Assassin.



The Assassin, stomping away at Steven Little Bear, is not content with mere victory. He wants to maim his foe.

KING COBRA VS. FRANK DUSEK

Cobra Wins in 3:57

King Cobra, master of the dropkick, met tough Frank Dusek in one of the early preliminary bouts. Dusek resorted to illegal holds very quickly, but Cobra stood his ground, and absorbed several blows. Cobra's ability to withstand Dusek's lightning charges evidently surprised and weakened Dusek's resolve. Finally, Cobra had enough. He snared Dusek and rammed him against the turnbuckles. Backing up, Cobra delivered a breathtaking dropkick to finish off the universally despised Dusek.



King Cobra escapes Frank Dusek's headlock (above), by reaching back and flipping him over his shoulder (below).



WAHOO McDANIEL VS. MASKED GRAPPLER

Masked Grappler Wins in 8:12



Masked Grappler writhes from the pain of Wahoo McDaniel's figure-four armlock during the early going.

Throughout his career, Wahoo McDaniel has been plagued by a quick, explosive temper. His vast talents aside, McDaniel cannot control this eruptive disease within. This match was no exception.

"I can't help it," said McDaniel. "I won't take any garbage from these bums and I won't go quietly. Others may turn the other cheek, but not Wahoo."

From ringside, it was easy to discern what drove McDaniel to uncontrollable rage. Masked Grappler, a man of mystery and sinister intent, pulled a foreign object and stabbed McDaniel in the gut.

Wahoo went berserk. He unleashed all his rage at Grappler, who quickly tumbled against the ropes. Unfortunately, McDaniel couldn't contain his anger. Swinging wildly at the retreating Grappler, McDaniel accidentally hit the referee, causing an immediate disqualification.

"Am I upset I was disqualified? Nope, 'cause I got my licks in and showed that bum he can't get away with garbage like that," said McDaniel. "I told the ref I was sorry."



McDaniel spreads apart Grappler's fingers. The Chief was eventually disqualified for accidentally hitting the referee.

DUSTY RHODES & COL. BUCK ROBLEY VS. BUDDY ROBERTS & TERRY GORDY

Rhodes & Robley Win in 12:06

Blood flowed freely in this unusual Double Bullrope match. The principle of a bullrope match is to tie opponents together with rope wrapped around wrists. Rhodes was tied to Gordy, Robley to Roberts. Any semblance of order swiftly vanished as brawling reigned supreme. In a few minutes, all men dripped with blood. Anger erupted. Rhodes pummeled Gordy while Roberts kneed Robley in the groin.

"What creeps," shouted Rhodes. "We wanted to wrestle a good, tough match and these fools tried to beat us up with illegal stuff. I wasn't goin' to stand pat for that."

Despite the best efforts of the referee to regain order, this match



The blood flows freely as the battle between Terry Gordy and Dusty Rhodes moves outside the ring (above left). Still tied to Gordy, Rhodes leaps from the top rope onto Buddy Roberts (above right).

was a brawl from start to finish. Finally, Rhodes and Robley triumphed. And the lockerroom scene merely continued their anger.

"Look what they did to my main man Dusty," shouted Robley,



examining Rhodes' many wounds. "Those dudes think they gonna just walk around pullin' stuff like that? Hah. We're gonna track them down and beat their butts for all they did tonight. Me and Dusty swear to that."

KILLER KHAN VS. RAY CANDY

Candy Wins in 10:18



The vicious Killer Khan kneedrops Ray Candy right in the face. Incredibly, Ray continued.

This exciting match brimmed with surprises! For the past few weeks, local promoters and Ray Candy were besieged with letters demanding Candy be pitted against the invader from Asia, Killer Khan. Fans demanded Candy settle this dispute and send Khan home.

"I relish fighting an ignorant worm like Ray Candy," said Khan.

As for Candy, he did this out of duty to his fans and love for the sport.

"Someone like Killer Khan doesn't belong in wrestling. I'm here to make his stay a short one."

In the beginning, fans feared Candy might be proven wrong. Khan exhibited total disregard for wrestling rules by gouging, kicking, punching, and biting Candy. Maybe Ray needed to get angry. If so, Khan's tactics drove him to outrage.

"Bum," snarled Candy. "Once in the ring, I realized fully why he must be destroyed."

Using a rollover reverse cradlehold off the ropes, Candy smeared Khan onto the mat.

"Man, that felt good," Candy said, smiling.



Candy dives from the middle turnbuckle, but only grazes Khan, who cleverly rolled away in time.

PAUL ORNDORFF VS. KEN MANTELL

Orndorff Wins in 15:21



Ken Mantell, wearing a headgear to hold on the wig that covers his shaven head, knees Paul Orndorff in the back (left). Mantell lifts Orndorff for a suplex (above left). Orndorff executes a flying headvice (above right) as he regains the advantage en route to an impressive victory.

headgear and wig if he lost. With a grin, Orndorff vowed to whip Mantell, if only to make him pull off the wig.

"I think Egghead," said Orndorff, referring to Mantell's new nickname, "should be thrilled to show off his bald head. Who ever heard of an egg with hair?"

But Mantell violated the terms of

the agreement. When Orndorff finally defeated him, Mantell refused to remove his wig. With the crowd cheering him on, Orndorff snared Mantell and ripped off the wig, much to the delight of the fans.

"Doesn't little Ken Mantell have a pretty little head?" chuckled Orndorff. Mantell's comments were unprintable.

An intriguing twist elevated this match into one of the evening's most fascinating human interest stories. Recently, Ken Mantell lost a head-shaving match. Before fans could see his bald dome, Mantell raced into the dressing room. For tonight's match, Mantell entered the ring wearing a headgear and a wig. He agreed to remove the

ANDRE THE GIANT VS. HULK HOGAN

Technical Draw at 15:22

This bout between the behemoths turned into the most controversial bout of the night. Little love or even admiration exists between these two giants.

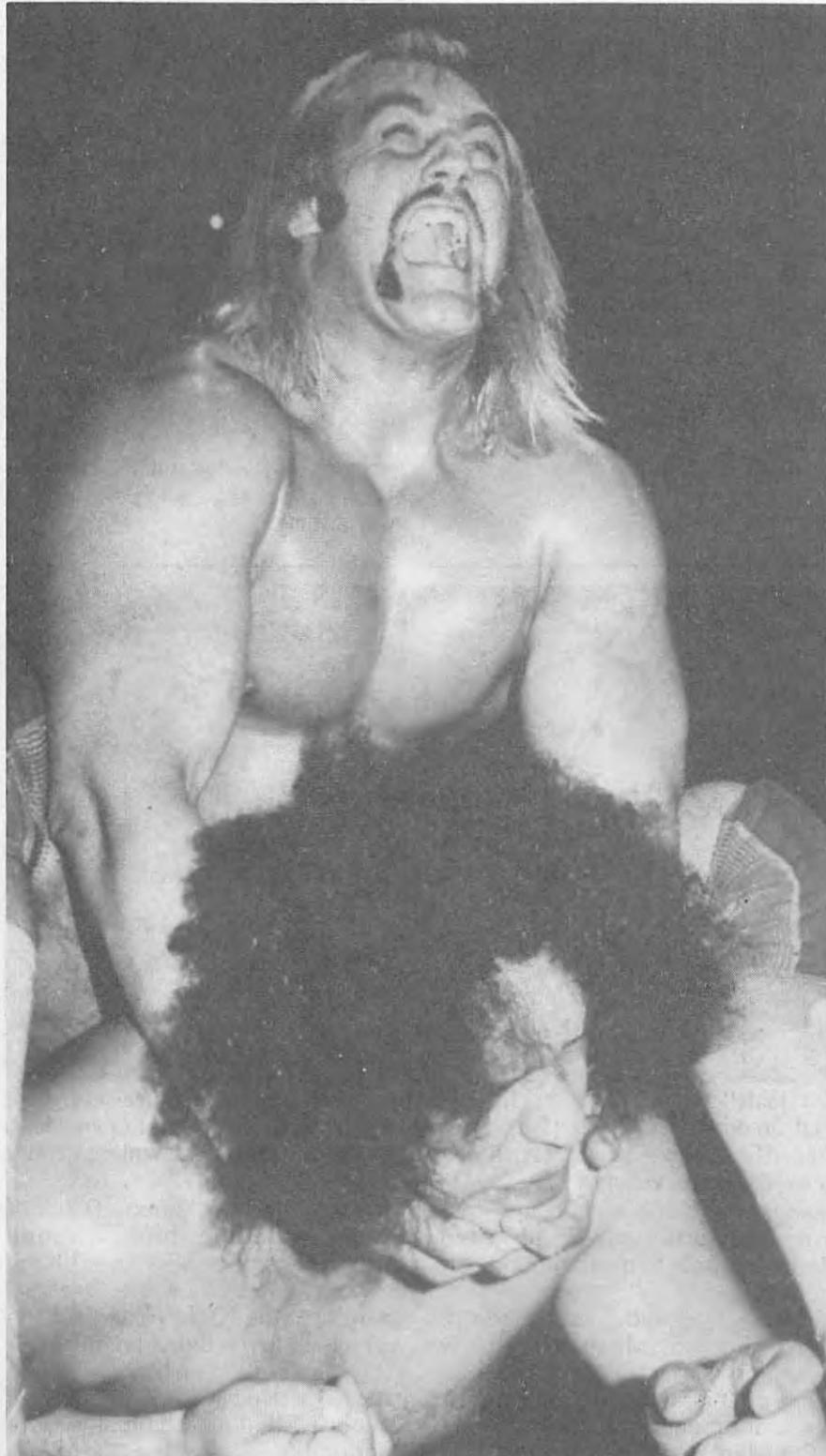
"I don't like freaks, can you blame

me?" asked Hogan. "Don't like ugly people and fat people and freaks. Problem with Andre, he fits all them categories."

"Know what makes me very, very angry?" Andre said. "Bullies. Hogan uses his strength to bully smaller opponents. I do not like that. If you are blessed with great size, you should control it and not bully smaller people. But Hogan does not understand that. So I must show

him what happens when he meets a man bigger than he."

Though Hogan repeatedly broke the rules, he managed to do so when the referee wasn't looking. Provoked by Hogan's tactics, Andre took the matter in his own hands and dispensed justice in typical Giant fashion. Although it looked as if Andre was victorious, ringside officials ruled the bout a technical draw.



In Hulk Hogan's longest sustained offensive, he applies a chinlock (left), a hammerlock (above), and chokes the Giant with his foot (below).



(For the North American Heavyweight Title) **MR. WRESTLING II VS. CHAMPION TED DiBiASE**

DiBiase Wins in 17:32

Young Ted DiBiase defended his coveted North American Heavyweight championship against

popular Mr. Wrestling II. DiBiase always called II an inspiration and model for his career.

"When you talk about great men in wrestling, you have to mention Mr. Wrestling II and all he's contributed to the sport," said DiBiase. "He always maintains his poise, is always nice to young guys and fans, heck, he's just a fine man and I'm privileged to say I know him."

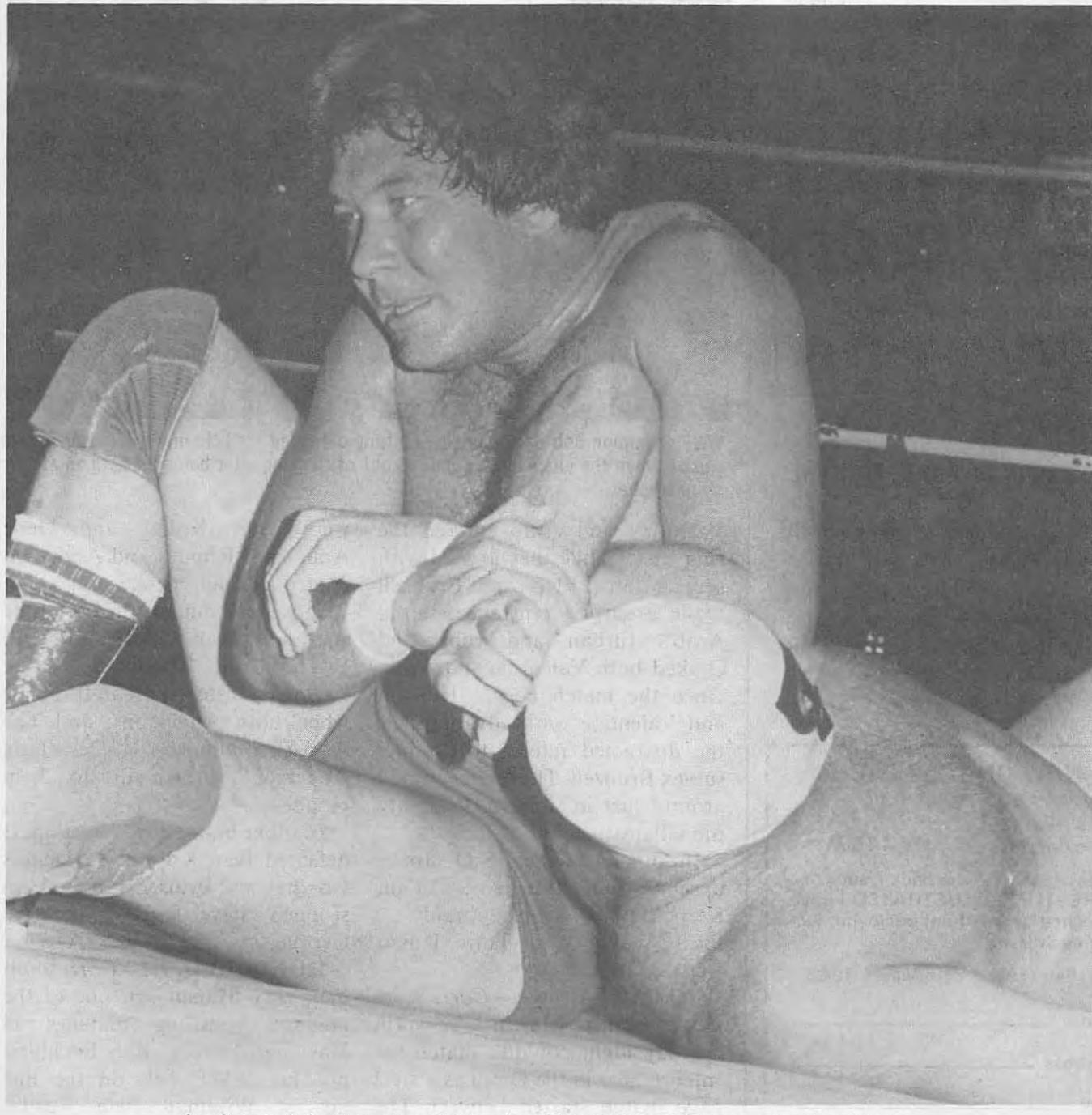
Those comments evaporated in the heat of battle. At first, this match stayed on the scientific wrestling level. Both exchanged

patented holds and maneuvers, delighting the crowd. Ted unveiled some new maneuvers, the result of hours in the gym.

Somewhere along the line, anger took over. Though neither wanted to let the match degenerate in such a manner, II and DiBiase succumbed to anger and started fighting and brawling. Yet when the match ended, they shook hands.

"He's a good kid," said II. "He's going to be a world champion someday, mark my words."

"II? It was an honor wrestling him," said DiBiase.



In what started out as a completely scientific match, Ted DiBiase and Mr. Wrestling II both wound up losing their tempers. They each expressed their admiration for the other after the bout.

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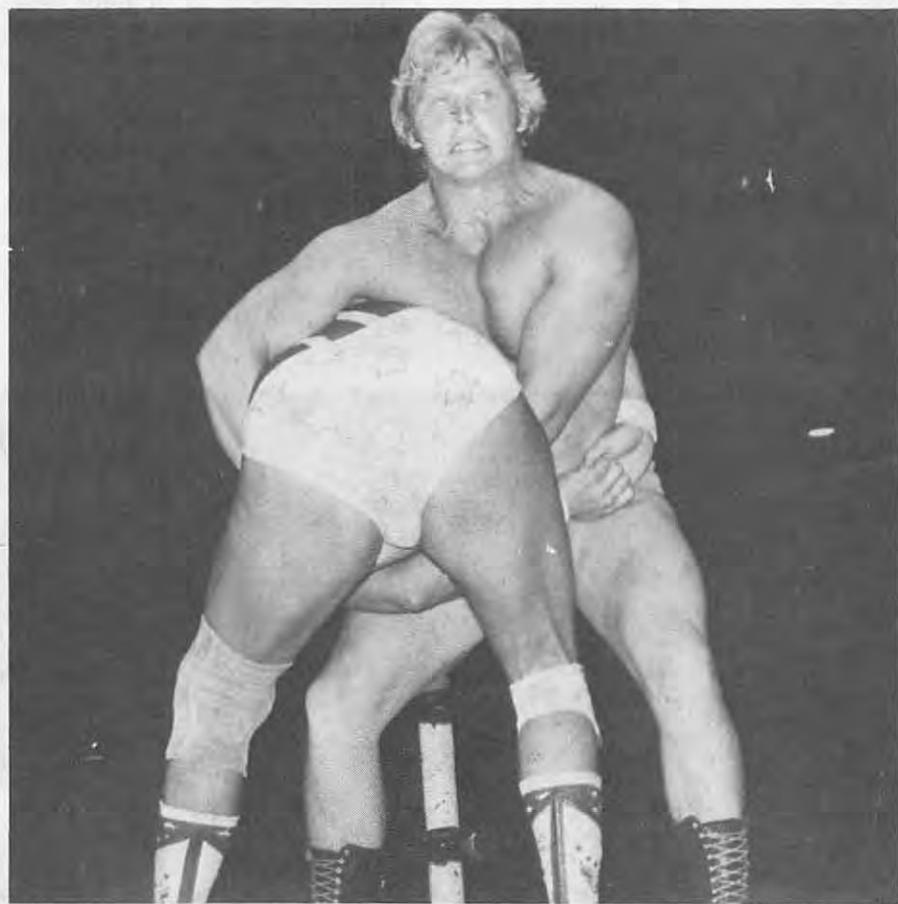
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WWF champion Bob Backlund successfully defended his title in Hawaii against Pete Austin when the challenger stumbled out of the ring after being hit with an atomic spinecrusher.

Valentine and Arab entered the ring first. While they argued with several fans, Flair and Brunzell made a surprise entrance, seized Arab's turban and robe and choked both Valentine and Arab. Once the match began, Hussein and Valentine took advantage of the distracted referee to double-suplex Brunzell. The referee turned around just in time to disqualify the villains.

In other matches, S.D. Jones upset Enforcer Luciano . . . Don Kernodle beat Brute Bernard . . . Brett Wayne and Tony Russo wrestled to a draw.

ATLANTA, GA—Correspondent: Sonya Martin—A warm Sunday night couldn't match the intense heat in the Omni as a steel cage match started between The Assassins and Ole Anderson and Dusty Rhodes. Special referees

were Ivan Koloff and Gene Anderson. Rhodes and Anderson controlled the match, but when they were about to finish off The Assassins, Ivan Koloff interfered. By accident, Rhodes hit Gene Anderson instead of Koloff. That's when both Andersons, and The Assassins jumped Rhodes. Lars Anderson rushed in to help Rhodes.

In other bouts, Mr. Wrestling II defeated Ivan Koloff . . . Dennis Condrey and Bruiser Bob Sweetan stopped Steve Regal and Mike George.

HONOLULU, HI—Correspondent: Jay Matsui—In one of the greatest wrestling matches in Hawaiian history, Bob Backlund put his WWF belt on the line against Wildman Pete Austin. Austin tried for an early upset, but Bob proved why he is champion

and fought back with every fiber in his body. Backlund picked up Austin and prepared to deliver his awesome spinebreaker. Devastated, Austin toppled over the ropes and stayed there for the 10 count.

In other matches, Peter Maivia shaded Nick Bockwinkel to be one of the first men to get a shot at the new AWA champ, Verne Gagne. . . . Billy White Wolf beat Lumberjack Larson in a lumberjack chain match . . . Ultraman Hiro beat Bruce Hart.



A bloody Abdullah the Butcher smiles as the fans cheer his effort to save Kevin Sullivan from the brutal attack of Mark Lewin and the Great Mephisto.

FAIRFAX, AL—Correspondent: Bernard Bryant—Maniac Mark Lewin, master of the Shanghai sleeperhold, tackled Kevin Sullivan, master of the figure-four leglock, in a bruising battle. Sullivan wore Lewin down and was about to snare him in a finishing figure-four when Lewin's manager, the Great Mephisto, rushed in and hit Sullivan from behind. While Sullivan struggled with Mephisto, Lewin regained his strength and put Sullivan in the sleeper. But saving the day for young Sullivan was Abdullah the Butcher, who chased both Lewin and Mephisto back to their dressing rooms.

In other bouts, The Assassins fell to Mr. Wrestling II and Steve Keirn. □

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onto the tag team title," Backlund said. "It is a tremendous honor, and I know I can devote enough time to both titles."

Q: "How did Don Muraco ever perfect such a great maneuver as the Asian Hammer?"—Verna O'Toole, Miami, FL

A: "It took all my resources, all my infinite wisdom and vision to devise such a chilling and killing maneuver as the Asian Hammer," said Muraco. "I don't think any wrestler in the history of the world has ever had such an effective maneuver and been able to use it like I do. They can have their bionic elbows and spinning toeholds. I'd put my Asian Hammer in there against any maneuver known to civilized man."

Q: "I read somewhere in a national magazine that Bruno Sammartino and Larry Zbyszko were ready to bury their differences and form a tag team. Is this true?"—Kevin Singer, Canton, OH

Don Muraco drives his shoulder and elbow into Steve Keirn's midsection (above). Larry Zbyszko and Bruno Sammartino (below) will probably never team again.



A: "You know, I hate dirty rumors like that," replied Sammartino. "There is no way in a million years I would ever be friends with that creep Zbyszko. Doggone, I want to smash his face in a million little pieces, how could I possibly want to be his friend?" And Zbyszko replied, "If I should select a partner, it'd be a much younger man with speed and strength and an agile mind who could keep up with me. I don't think Bruno qualifies on any of these counts." □

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Hogan and the new referee administered the three count. However, films of the match show that just as the referee's hand had hit the mat for the third time, Hogan threw Andre off! This match will be the center of controversy for quite some time.

Mil Mascaras had one of his greatest battles recently in Houston, Texas. It was there that he squared off against the Russian Bear, Ivan Koloff. Koloff, who is a regular on the Florida mat scene, flew all the way to Texas just to combat Mascaras.



Ivan Koloff and Mil Mascaras, locked in a test of strength, both claim to be the superior wrestler.

"I wrestled Mil Mascaras several years ago," Koloff explains. "I beat him but he tells everyone that he won. So I demanded the match in Texas where he has many fans, so I could show him up for the liar he is. I beat him again, but he is telling everyone he won. It is lies. Mascaras is no competition for the great Koloff!"

Mascaras' view: "Ivan Koloff is a great wrestler. I enjoy battling him. The only problem with that

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The Texas Brass Knuckle champion is Stan Stasiak, who is making life miserable for Jose Lothario and the Von Erich family. "One of us has to stop him before he kills someone," Lothario says . . . United States Heavyweight champion Greg Valentine refuses to give Sweet Ebony Diamond a title match. "I don't wrestle clowns in masks," he says . . . Barry Windham is doing great defending his Florida television title.

For you fans who have asked, Austin Idol has turned up wrestling in Tennessee . . . Tommy Rich is also a Tennessee newcomer . . . John Tolos is having a tough time keeping his undefeated streak from being broken by Alberto Madrill. Madrill has come only seconds away from beating Tolos several times . . . Killer Khan continues to wreak havoc in the Louisiana/Oklahoma area . . . Mr. Wrestling II is hoping for a rematch against North American champion Ted DiBiase . . . Rick Steamboat and Jay Youngblood have now failed three times to take the NWA tag belts from Jimmy Snuka and Ray Stevens. "They have a knack for getting themselves disqualified," notes Steamboat. "Lift that damn DQ rule and we've got the belts," adds Youngblood.



Jay Youngblood grabs Ray Stevens in a sleeperhold during an NWA tag team title bout. Stevens and Jimmy Snuka have defended their belts three times against Youngblood and Rick Steamboat, the former champions.

Paul Jones is back in the Mid-Atlantic region. As you recall, Jones left the area after a bitter feud against Rick Steamboat (the fans hated Paul during that feud). But things have changed now. Jones made an announcement on television that he was sorry for sneak attacking Rick (the incident that sparked the feud) and he would like to be his friend again. Rick has accepted Paul's apology saying, "It takes a helluva man to admit he was wrong about things in his past." Fans have also forgiven Paul as he has declared war on the area's rulebreakers.

By the way, The Sheepherders, Luke Williams and Butch Miller, are chasing Mid-Atlantic tag team champions Buzz Sawyer and Matt Borne . . . Afa and Sika, the Samoans, are entering the tournament to determine new WWF tag team champions. The belts went up for grabs when Bob Backlund and Pedro Morales relinquished.



Afa and Sika, the Samoans, will try to regain the WWF tag team belts in a special elimination tournament.

As a final item, I just want to let you know that the response to the question: Should Dusty Rhodes wrestle Harley Race again for the NWA title has gotten an enormous response. Dusty is reading all your letters, and we'll let you know soon what he has decided.

And that's what's happening. See you next time. □

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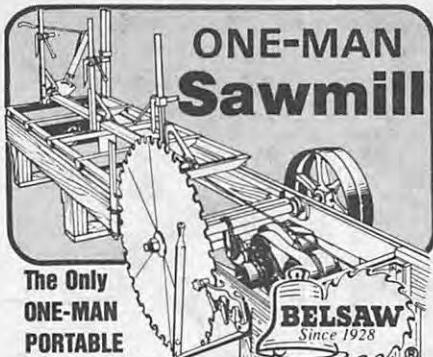
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ENCOURAGEMENT

Lots of people write in saying how much they hate Ray Stevens and Jimmy Snuka now that they've bested Rick Steamboat and Jay Youngblood for the NWA tag team title. But I think fans should try and offer encouragement to Rick and Jay and give them solid pats on their backs for all the thrills they've given fans and all the thrills to come.

I don't think Steamboat and Youngblood should feel discouraged. I think they should try and learn from this disillusioning experience, build upon it, and use this experience and wisdom for their futures.

PATRICIA MUSKIE
Greensboro, NC



Rick Steamboat floors Jimmy Snuka with a karate thrust. Reader Patricia Muskie hopes Rick and Jay Youngblood can rebound from losing the NWA tag team belts.

STILL SHOCKED

I still can't get over Verne Gagne regaining the AWA title. As far as I'm concerned, it's like a real bad nightmare. Gagne must be at least 95 years old and, if he's not, he sure wrestles like he's 95. How could Nick Bockwinkel let this happen to himself? Doesn't Nick realize how many fans love and adore him and are still mourning his loss?

I think Gagne's title reign marks the start of a bleak era for AWA wrestling. Once Gagne's in there, we'll be seeing more of the same boring, stupid style of wrestling with no hope for any creativity whatsoever. At least Bockwinkel is creative and unpredictable. You never know what new maneuver or new brilliant strategy Bockwinkel and Bobby Heenan will come up with.

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CHUCK BIBLE
Monaca, PA



Reader Ricky Carroll feels that Kevin Sullivan deserves more attention from the press.

SULLIVAN'S GREAT!

Kevin Sullivan is a great wrestler. I think Sullivan should receive more publicity than rule-breakers like Ernie Ladd or Terry Funk. He formerly held the Georgia tag team title with Tony Atlas and now is the Georgia Junior Heavyweight champion.

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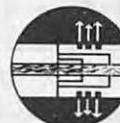
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Q & A

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A: Didn't know my opponents could talk after I get finished with 'em.

Q: Is it loaded?

A: Think I need that?

Q: Is it?

A: Loaded with what? (Evil grin)

Q: With a foreign object.

A: Nope.

Q: It's only an elbow pad?

A: Yup. The Incredible Hulk Hogan don't need nothin' extra to whup and batter his idiotic foes. I got my natural abilities as all the dudes in hospitals prove.

Q: This new maneuver is something like Stan Hansen's Lariat, isn't it?

A: I wouldn't say that. I put my

own unique brilliance into the hold.

Q: You teamed up with Hansen in Japan recently.

A: Yup.

Q: And then you came back with a version of the Lariat. Did Hansen teach you the move?

A: No one teaches me anything. I'm so smart I can sit there and pick up everything, even with my eyes closed. Only Fred Blassie has the kinda mind to teach me stuff.

Q: What does the future hold for Hulk Hogan?

A: The WWF title and Bobby Backlund's head in my hand. Without the body, of course. □

ALBANO TALKS

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full-fledged bum. It's sad to watch him trying to beat a fine, upstanding young man like Larry Zbyszko. I say to Bruno, retire now before you embarrass this sport.

• BOB BACKLUND: By a fluke, this chump won the WWF title. Ever see this chump when he gets hurt in the face? See the tears well up and his lower lip quiver, like a little baby. If Arnold Skoaland didn't spend a thousand dollars a bout to pay off the referee and time-keeper, Backlund would be back harvesting wheat or something like that.

• PAT PATTERSON: Man should be placed in a home for wimps. He has one maneuver, running away. I won't waste further space on him.

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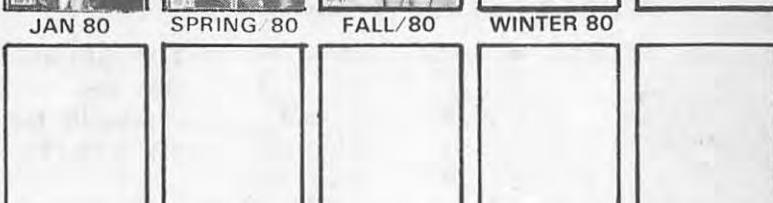


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A weakened Ric Flair desperately tries to retain his title as he lifts Greg Valentine for an airplane spin. When questioned about a rematch for Flair, Greg made a startling statement.

like me, though I don't know why. I tell you, I wanna hold out the live branch to Flair. If he'd like to be my friend, I'd be his and we could form a tag team again and run over all the lames and turkeys around in this Mid-Atlantic area. Hell, we'd be great together, stompin' and whippin' and beatin' on all the lames around.

"Imagine what me and Ric would do to Steamboat and Youngblood? We'd drive them outta wrestlin'. Since Flair's so

buddy-buddy with Tricky Ricky, Ric would know how to whip Steamboat, know all his weaknesses.

"And imagine what me and Ric would do to Youngblood. That punk is hidin' behind Steamboat's dress and he's lucky someone doesn't wail away and punch him into the ground. Ah, me and Ric would have so much fun rippin' through this area. It'd be great, just like old times."

GREG VALENTINE

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everything he's done to me, the betrayal, the treachery, the name-calling, physical abuse and finally, breaking my nose, I'd only consider renewing our friendship long enough to blow his brains out."

Yet one day Valentine and Flair may bury their differences, despite the heated hatred. Many observers still believe Flair's conversion to scientific wrestling is vulnerable to financial and potential championship opportunities.

More so, Flair has never found a partner with whom he could work as well as Valentine. When Flair and Valentine were at their height,



Valentine said he would like to team with his former partner once again. Flair, however, would not even consider such an offer.

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BARRY WINDHAM

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Young Barry Windham leaps high in the air to gain momentum on a forearm smash to the back of Don Muraco's neck. Unlike many young wrestlers, Windham will not let a rulebreaker take advantage of him.

Windham's start in professional wrestling began rather unconventionally. Instead of standing outside arenas and gyms waiting for someone to recognize him, Windham started out right there in the ring: between two struggling wrestlers.

"I was a referee, and a pretty good one at that," recalled Windham. "I did a good, fair job. Didn't allow any fooling around or take any guff from anyone. And I think working as a ref really helped give me a good perspective on wrestling life."

"I saw what real in-fighting's all

about, how the subtle tricks are achieved, the little stuff you only get through years of experience.

"After refereeing, I knew I had to become a pro wrestler. I was hooked," said Windham, grinning.

Salt Lake City, Utah, was the site of Windham's pro debut. It was a promising, yet tough entrance.

"You never really know what it's like to wrestle, a real wrestling match, professional, no kid stuff, until you do it. I thought I handled myself really well. I thought I did a good job and was pleased to win in my first time out."

"But I also realized I had a lot to learn," said Windham, wincing at the recollection.

At 6-5, 230 pounds, Windham surely has the size without being



Muraco desperately lunges for the ropes as Windham attempts to turn him over for a Boston Crab. Barry, who got his in professional wrestling as a referee, knows exactly how far he can stretch the rules before being disqualified.

too heavy. With that kind of frame, Windham believes he could eventually carry a little more weight.

"I like the way I am now," said Windham. "But it's nice to know I could gain some weight, muscle, not fat, if I ever feel I need any."

By far, Windham's greatest moment in his brief pro career was the night he whipped Mr. Saito in a rugged brawl for the Florida TV title.

"Wow, I was soaring that night," said Windham, his eyes glazing with remembered delight. "I, well, you really can't describe that kind of feeling, know what I mean?"

"Every young wrestler dreams of winning a title. And the sad thing is so few actually make it. I guess I'm very lucky to be champion at my young age."

Windham swiftly learned there's

more to holding a title than simply wearing a belt around your waist.

"Night after night after night, everyone in the state is gunning for your hide," said Windham. "Once you're on the top, everyone seems to get up for you. They all want you and they all wrestle at the very top of their game."

"Sure, you have to be careful. When you're a contender and you lose, it isn't so bad, not everyone notices. But let the champion lose, well, then all the world knows."

Already, Windham has developed feuds with two of wrestling's toughest rulebreakers, Don Muraco and Dick Slater.

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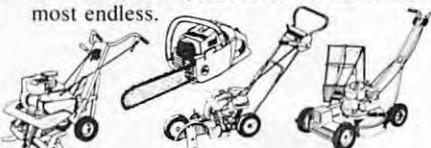
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